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**Boat carrying mercenaries captured**

## Indian troops foil coup attempt in Maldives

COLOMBO, Nov 4. (Agencies): Indian forces today captured a boat carrying mercenaries who fled the Maldives after failing to topple the government of the Indian Ocean archipelago and paratroops combed the capital for stragglers, officials said.

The 1,600 elite Indian paratroopers landed in the Maldives hours after gunmen invaded the islands from boats and seized the capital, engaging in fierce battles with security forces that left at least 12 people dead and 100 wounded.

The mercenaries, believed to be Sri Lankan Tamils hired by a close associate of a former Maldivian President, abandoned the attack and escaped in two ships and a tugboat after learning the Indian commandos had arrived, Sri Lankan intelligence sources said. They reported to take a cabinet minister hostage.

Sri Lankan and Indian military aircraft searched the seas south of the Maldives for the three vessels carrying the mercenaries, Sri Lankan Minister of National Security Lalith Ath

ulathmudali said.

A Foreign Ministry official in New Delhi said today Indian naval forces captured the first ship with a number of the attackers on board and were pursuing the second after a reconnaissance plane sighted it.

### Crushed

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told Parliament today that Indian troops had crushed the coup attempt "without a single Indian casualty," and he hoped the troop withdrawal could begin later in the day.

"We are happy to be able to assist a friendly country. An attempt to spread terror and overthrow a democratically elected government has been frustrated," the Indian leader said.

India intervened at the request of Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who went into hiding when the coup began and appealed for military assistance from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the United States and Britain. India is South Asia's greatest military power and has recently sought to enlarge its role as a peacekeeping force in the



Abdul Gayoom

region.

The Maldives, an archipelago of 1,200 low-lying coral islands, is located just 380 miles (600 km) southwest of India's southern tip. "When the mercenaries heard the ships and planes coming, they ran to their ... boats and disappeared," said Sharad Sapra, a representative of the UN Children's Fund, in a telephone interview.

Ambedkar, Maldivian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, said that Gayoom and his cabinet were "in full control"

of Maldives and normalcy has returned.

A Maldivian official who asked not to be identified said the fleeing mercenaries had abducted Transport Minister Ahmed Mujuthaba, apparently to deter attacks on their vessels by aircraft.

An official at the National Security Forces headquarters in Male said four mercenaries had been captured on a nearby island but could give no further details.

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry official and the state-run All India Radio said the Indian paratroopers in a swift operation secured key government buildings, including the presidential palace, a state-run radio station and the headquarters of the National Security Service.

### Attack

The Foreign Ministry official said Indian troops had fanned out in search of any invaders who might be hiding in the capital.

As the raiders fled, Gayoom came out of hiding and was given protection by Indian commandos. He later contacted the third five-year term as president.

phone and thanked him for the military assistance.

The coup attempt began at 4:30 am yesterday when an unknown number of mercenaries armed with grenades, automatic rifles and light machineguns arrived in Male in boats and stormed the capital.

The invaders, who were joined by about 300 Sri Lankans working as manual labourers and hotel employees in the Maldives, swept across the capital, seizing government buildings and the state-run radio station and engaging in gunbattles with the capital's tiny security force.

"We heard gunfire all around," one resident said. "We were too frightened to leave our house."

An Asian diplomatic source in Colombo said at least 12 people were killed and 100 wounded in the assault.

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## 41 killed

## in Punjab violence

AMRITSAR, Nov 4. (Agencies): Seven bombs, including some concealed in sewing machines, killed at least 25 people and wounded 51 others in the Punjab town of Batala today, police said.

"We suspect Sikh terrorists are behind the explosions," Batala police chief S.M. Sharma said.

A police spokesman in Punjab's state capital, Chandigarh, said 23 people were killed when the bombs exploded in rapid succession at a crowded market place in a Hindu neighbourhood.

There were seven explosions. They were so powerful that limbs of victims flew all over the place," said the spokesman, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Sharma said some of the explosives were concealed in two sewing machines left on bicycles 200 yards (180 metres) apart.

"They were very powerful. Some of the injured are in critical condition," Sharma said by telephone.

### Sealed

"We have imposed curfew in the area and more police are being sent to counter any retaliation in case of a Hindu backlash of violence," Sharma said.

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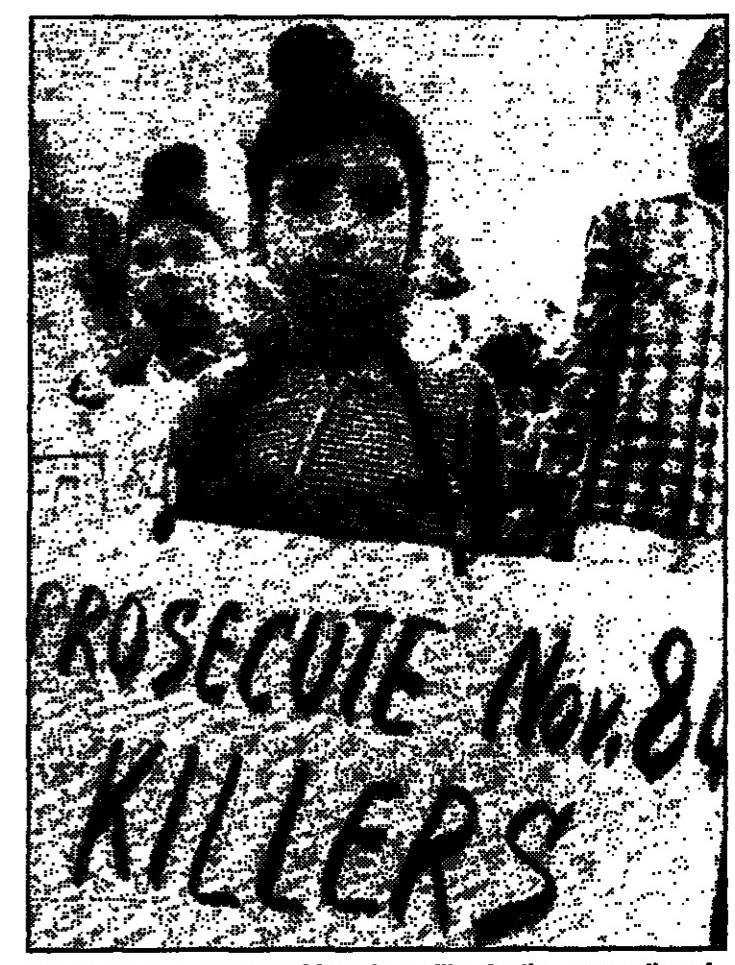
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Sikh extremists, yesterday ambushed a bus and killed at least 11 passengers, police said.



A young Sikh protester holds a sign calling for the prosecution of people involved in Nov 1984 anti-Sikh riots. (Reuter wirephoto)

The attack came only hours after both houses of Parliament in New Delhi extended for six more months Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's direct control over the violence-torn state under a constitutional provision known as President's Rule.

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### Incidents

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The constitution requires Parliament's approval for extension of the President's Rule every six months. Without such renewal, new state elections would have to be held.

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Under the reforms Benjedid would retain control of defence and foreign policy and would appoint the prime minister.

But the premier would have some theoretical autonomy to present a government programme on other issues to the National Assembly (Parliament), which could accept or reject it.

Opposition groups such as Muslim fundamentalists and the underground leftist avant garde Socialist Party say the reforms are merely cosmetic so long as the ruling National Liberation Front is the only party allowed to function.

## Algerians approve reforms

ALGIERS, Nov 4. (Agencies): Results announced today showed Algerians massively approved a series of constitutional changes, inspired by bloody riots a month ago, that would loosen the sole political party's grip on national life and separate it from the government.

The Interior Ministry announced that 92.27 per cent of voters casting ballots in yesterday's referendum voted "yes" to the changes proposed by President Chadli Benjedid.

### Change

Perez de Cuellar said he held "very useful" separate talks with the foreign ministers of Iraq and Iran this morning and a joint meeting would take place tomorrow morning. Earlier he had said he hoped to meet the two ministers together this afternoon but he did not explain the change.

Though he offered no indications of an imminent breakthrough in the efforts to consolidate a ceasefire, conference sources said it was encouraging that the two sides have been meeting regularly, often for sessions of several hours, since a third round of talks began earlier this week.

He rejected recent Western criticism of the new Soviet arms shipments, saying critics were only trying to divert attention from Pakistan's supply line to the Muslim rebels' US-built weapons.

The Soviet withdrawal began about a month after the Geneva accords were signed in April between Pakistan — which has backed the rebels — and Afghanistan, with the United States and Soviet Union as guarantors. (See page 3)

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in Algiers and many provincial cities to protest shortages and a decline in the standard of living blamed on the plummeting price of oil, Algeria's chief export.

One month after riots rocked the country, voters peacefully cast ballots at 36,775 polling stations throughout the country, mostly in elementary schools.

There were no signs of heightened security yesterday in Algiers, and downtown streets bustled with shoppers in the late afternoon.

### Ballots

The referendum is the first step on the path of reforms that eventually may permit independent candidates to run for office and remove the state-run economy from central control.

Electoral officials said turnout

Last month, soldiers and police fired on mobs of young men who refused to disperse, killing 176 people during a week of rioting, according to official figures. Unofficial reports said 400 or more demonstrators were killed.

The violence began when demonstrators took to the streets

### Peres' rules out coalition with Likud

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4. (Agencies): Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said today that his Labour Party, narrowly defeated in this week's elections, would not join a coalition led by the right-wing Likud Bloc unless Labour's peace programme were adopted.

"We are interested in one central thing: the continuation of the peace process," Peres told Army Radio. "We won't join any government that doesn't have a plan for peace."

The statement all but ruled out Labour entering a "national unity" government as a junior partner to Likud. Many Labour leaders and left-wing parties have urged Peres to form a strong opposition bloc and not compromise on any of Labour's policies.

### Check

"Our obligation and my obligation is to check if there is this possibility to continue the peace process from the government," Peres said. "We are not going to sell anything or buy anything."

Likud received 40 seats to Labour's 39, leaving Likud in an even stronger position to form the next government with a coalition of right-wing and religious parties, which made a surprisingly strong showing at the polls.

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## Rightists invoke Islam to oppose Benazir

ISLAMABAD, Nov 4. (Agencies): A right-wing Pakistani alliance challenging opposition leader Benazir Bhutto in general elections this month said it opposed a woman becoming head of government on Islamic grounds.

A spokesman for the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) said yesterday, Benazir being a woman, should not head the government in Islamic Pakistan even if her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won the Nov 16 polls.

"It will be a very bitter pill if the head of state or government has to be a lady," IDA information secretary Agha Murtaza Poya told a news conference.

Benazir has ignored medical advice to rest her voice in order to continue campaigning for elec-

tions in 12 days, aides said today. She has a sore throat after addressing up to 15 rallies a day during a campaign swing through Punjab and Sind provinces this week and doctors advised her to stop making speeches for a few days.

**Contender**

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) party of former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo is the main force in the IDA formed last month to face the PPP, widely regarded as a strong contender in the elections.

Officials of some IDA parties told an election rally in the northwestern town of Peshawar that Pakistan's overwhelmingly Muslim population would not accept a woman as their government.

**Notice**  
The PML and Jamaat-e-Islami both backed Fatima Jinnah, sister of Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah, in the 1964 presidential elections won by Field Marshal Ayub Khan.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, chair-

programme.

The mass circulation Urdu daily Jang quoted her as saying that if PPP was voted into power it might allow the American administration to inspect Pakistan's uranium enrichment plant at Kahuta, 20 miles southeast of here.

Nusrat denied that any future PPP government would allow any foreign power to inspect the Kahuta facility.

**LATE NEWS**  
Nusrat Bhutto said about 25 people were injured when shots were fired at her during an election march on Friday. She told reporters in Lahore that she was leading the march when shots were fired from the office of an alliance opposing Benazir in the Nov 16 elections.

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Maldives  
coup bid**

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It was not clear who masterminded the coup attempt, but intelligence sources said the mercenaries were believed to be Sri Lankan Tamils hired by Abdullah Latifi, a Maldives-born businessman who lives in Colombo and is close to former President Ibrahim Nasir.

Militant Tamils have been fighting the Sri Lankan government and 50,000 Indian peace-keeping troops to set up an independent Tamil state in Sri Lanka.

#### Contained

The most worrisome invasion occurred at the Livermore facility near San Francisco, one of two national labs where nuclear weapons are designed. But a spokesman there said the invasion "was detected and contained within two hours" and had no chance of penetrating high-security files stored in computers that are isolated from the infected public networks.

The virus also penetrated Air Force computer systems at the NASA Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California, and sophisticated Vax and Sun computer systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#### Agreement on Filipino labour

AMMAN, Nov 4, (AP): Franklin Drilon, the Philippines Secretary of Labour, has signed an agreement with Jordanian officials to protect Filipino workers in the Middle Eastern kingdom, the Philippine embassy announced today.

In a news release, the embassy said the pact was signed yesterday by Drilon and Jordan's Minister of Labour, Marwan Dudin.

About 4,000 Filipinos work in Jordan, which itself exports hundreds of thousands of workers abroad.

The agreement calls for creation of a committee to oversee the manpower agreement.

#### Draft declaration of Palestinian independence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4, (Agencies): The pro-PLO daily Al-Far newspaper published today a draft declaration of independence for a Palestinian state that is expected to be approved in Algeria later this month.

The newspaper said Speaker Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh would present the document for approval to the 453-member Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament-in-exile, on Nov 14 in Algeria.

A map accompanying the document shows the land to be divided into two states, one Israeli and one Arab, on the basis of a 1947 UN partition resolution, the newspaper said. The map showed much of Galilee and the Negev desert in the proposed Palestinian state.

Israel rejects the 1947 partition plan, which awards key areas of what is now Israel to the Arabs as well as the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also calls for international control of Jerusalem which Israel has proclaimed as its capital.

**Acceptance**

However, Palestinian commentators said the PLO's expected acceptance of two states would be a step towards peace because it implicitly recognised the right of a Jewish state to exist.

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## Marcoses appeal

NEW YORK, Nov 4. (Reuters): Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda have asked the US Supreme Court to block the government from taking their fingerprints, handwriting samples and voice prints, their lawyer said.

The appeal was revealed during a hearing in US federal court in which a judge ordered the couple to appear at Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters in Honolulu on Nov 9 or face

contempt charges. The couple, who fled their homeland in 1986, live in exile in Hawaii.

A US district judge John Walker, last August ordered them to give their fingerprints, handwriting samples, voice prints and an authorisation for a search of their financial records to investigators probing their activities.

The couple were indicted on Oct 21 on criminal charges of fraud and conspiracy. On Oct 31, the second circuit court of appeals upheld Walker's order.

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## Pakistan shoots down Kabul planes

## Afghan rebels to hold polls

NEW YORK, Nov 4. (Reuters): The mujahedeen rebel coalition announced plans for elections in three months to establish a stable government in Afghanistan and rid the country of what the rebels call a Russian puppet regime.

"It is possible in liberated areas to have elections, provided the Russians do not bombard the area and use rockets against the mujahedeen and where the people gather," Burhanuddin Rabani, chairman of the seven-member mujahedeen alliance, told a news conference at Freedom House.

Freedom House is a non-partisan organisation devoted to the "strengthening of free societies."

Speaking through an interpreter, he said an interim government backed by the mujahedeen would draw up a constitution and provide for open elections.

The plans included formation of a 400-member council of elected representatives from 216 districts and 58 subdistricts in areas under mujahedeen control, he said.

**Planes**

Meanwhile, Pakistani fighter planes shot down two Afghan aircraft on Thursday, official Kabul Radio said, accusing Islamabad of violating Afghanistan's air space.

The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, said the Afghan planes were shot down in two separate encounters by F-16s of the Pakistani Air Force over the Khost area in eastern Afghanistan.

Earlier, Pakistan said its F-16s shot down one of two Afghan MiG-23 jets which penetrated 13 km into northwestern Pakistan and the pilot was captured.

## Resolution

The UN General Assembly, with Soviet support, on Thursday urged "scrupulous respect" for the Afghanistan settlement as reports were received of continuing frontier strife.

But a US State Department spokesman quoting sources in Kabul, said Soviet Scud missiles were fired at American-backed Afghan insurgents near the Pakistani border.

After the General Assembly adopted its resolution by consensus, Lieutenant-General Vernon Walters, chief US delegate, condemned Soviet actions. "I consider them acts of desperation," he said.

"The world expects the Soviets to conform their actions in Afghanistan to the resolution to which they and the entire international community have just adhered," he told reporters outside the General Assembly hall.

Muslim guerrillas, meanwhile, said they had captured a border checkpoint and closed the border with Pakistan in the Khyber Pass.

Mujahedeen said they took the Torkham Post on Wednesday after two days of fighting in which they claimed the capture of 130 Kabul troops and four tanks.

## Students attack US facility in Seoul

SEOUL, Nov 4. (AP): Radical students firebombed a US Army facility and seized a government building today, as protesters continued to press for the arrest of former President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Police said students also hurled firebombs at a Seoul branch of the Koran Bank, a joint venture between US and South Korean banks, and a government party office in the western port city of Jachon. No injuries or arrests were reported.

US authorities said a dozen young people threw six firebombs into the compound of a US Army engineering installation and fled, shattering windows but causing no injuries. Radicals also are demanding the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo, and charge his government is a front for military rule despite the democratic reforms that he has instituted. The radicals have little public support, but are influential on college campuses.

In another attack, on the office of the national tax administration in downtown Seoul, five students demanding Chun's arrest occupied a third-floor office for half an hour before being overpowered by riot police.

Police said two students were slightly injured when they jumped onto mattresses placed by police on the ground outside the

government building, to prevent deaths or injuries by protesters jumping from windows.

Chun, whose term ended in February, took power with military backing in 1980. He has been under parliamentary investigation on corruption and various other charges, including his alleged role in putting down a 1980 civil uprising in the southern city of Kwangju.

## Suppression

By official count, about 200 people died in the military suppression of the uprising, but dissidents put the toll much higher.

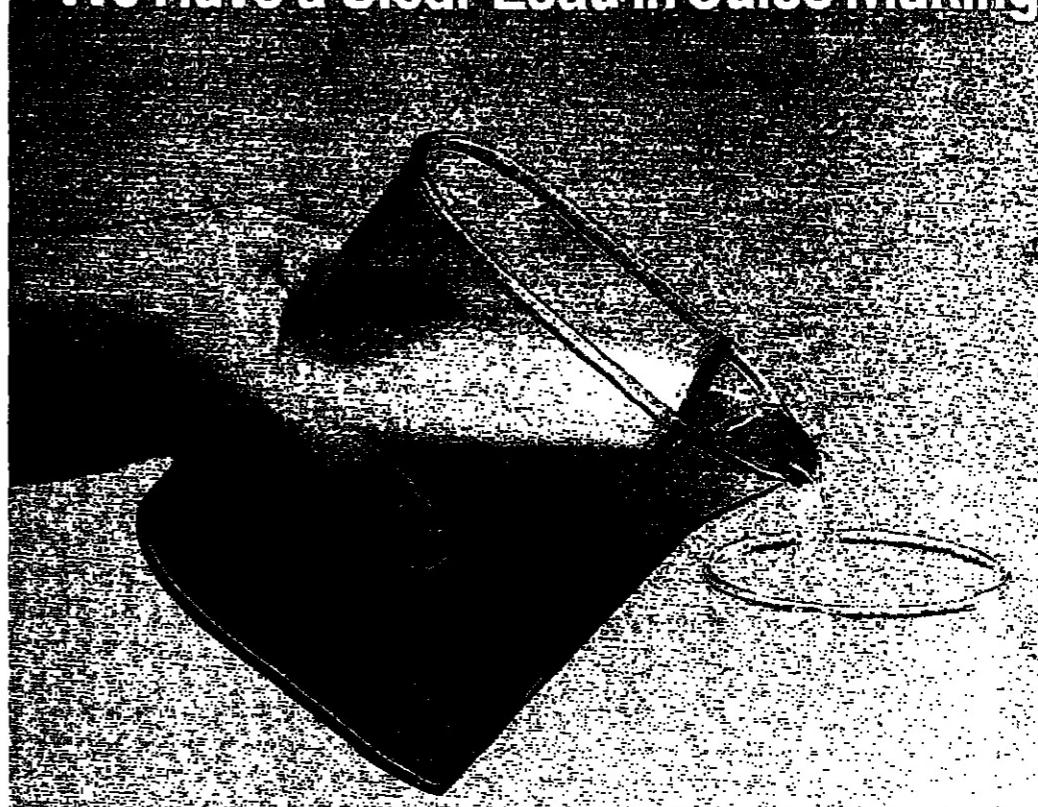
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Up to 380 people, mostly police, were injured and about 100 protesters were being questioned after more than 29,000 people took part in anti-Chun rallies across the country Thursday, newspapers report today.

Police fired about 9,200 rounds of tear gas Thursday, while students hurled about 18,700 firebombs, police said.

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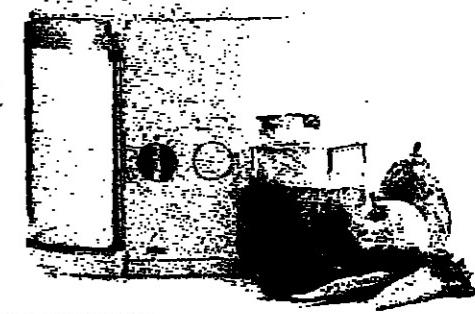
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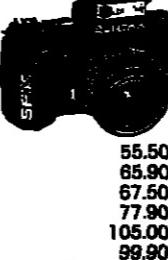
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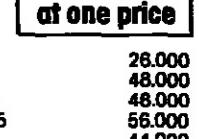
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## No serious threat posed by locusts in Kuwait

LOCUSTS arriving sporadically at some farms in Abdali and Wafra areas at the borders of Kuwait do not pose a serious threat at the moment, according to Sheikh Ibrahim Al Dueij, the chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth (AFFRA).

The small number of locusts in these areas is an indication that in all probability, these could be insects that survived anti-locust

campaigns in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, the official said.

The authority is well-aware of the danger the locusts pose to the region and Kuwait, the official said.

He added that Kuwait has mobilised its anti-locusts teams and is co-ordinating fighting activities with the Iraqi authorities. Several plans and strategies have been prepared to contain and eradicate the locusts if their numbers increase. These

plans among others, include using helicopters and duster planes for spraying insecticides, he said.

### Teams

The authority has organised 12 teams to fight the locusts. These teams inspected 25 farms in the Abdali area during the last three days. The quantity of locusts was not alarming, according to Jassem Al Bader, the head of the botanical department of the authority.

The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank has allocated \$10 million to combat locust attacks on bank member states, Kuwait's representative at the IDB, Faisal Abdulaziz Al Zamil said on Friday.

Al Zamil told KUNA that the sum has been dispersed as a grant from the special assistance account to help member countries fight off the locusts.

### Appeals

"In my view of the gravity of the situation and the locusts' rapid movement, the IDB responded to appeals from the affected countries to contribute to programmes of combating the pest in co-operation with national, regional and international organisations," Al Zamil said.

The Kuwaiti delegate said the bank has purchased pesticides, aerial spraying equipment, transport vehicles and animal feed to offset the erosion of pasture from the locust attacks.

**Saudis sign minesweeper deal with UK**

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia signed a contract for six minelayer ships with the British company Vosper Thornycroft on Wednesday. The contract is believed to be worth more than 300 million pounds sterling (\$500 million).

A company spokesman said the order, part of a 10-year 15-billion-pound (\$25-billion) arms deal agreed to by Britain and Saudi Arabia in July, covered Sandown class minelayers fitted with sophisticated sonar equipment.

### Record

The Saudi arms package, following a 400-million-pound (\$700 million) sale of advanced fighters to Jordan, could boost British arms sales to record levels in 1988.

The minesweeper deal was agreed to before the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. US naval experts believe up to 200 mines sown during the conflict may still be endangering commercial shipping lanes in the Gulf despite minesweeping operations by six Western countries.

## Nuclear arms treaty signed by Bahrain

WASHINGTON, Nov 4. (Agencies): Bahrain on Thursday became the second Arab country to join and sign the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

At a special ceremony at the State Department, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States, Ghazi Mohamed Al Ghossabi, signed the treaty.

Saudi Arabia was the first Arab country to join the treaty which has been advocated strongly by the United States.

### Promises

Commenting on the Bahraini move, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said on Thursday.

"The US welcomes Bahrain's access to the treaty as a significant contribution to international stability."

The treaty, he added, is "a basic element in the global effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, which is a US national

security and foreign policy objective."

Under the treaty, Bahrain, a non-nuclear weapons state, promises not to receive, manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Also, it agrees to accept safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency on all peaceful nuclear activities.

With Bahrain's accession, 138 nations have now become party to the treaty. Israel has so far refused to join the US-sponsored treaty.

Acknowledging specifically if the US wants Israel also to join the treaty since it is known to possess nuclear weapons, Redman said:

"Our position on the treaty has been to encourage everyone to adhere to that treaty. This is something we continue to work for around the world, where it is applicable."

## Heart disease can be prevented

By Lima Al Khalefawi

WANT to know how to lead a longer, happier and healthier life?

Peter Wilson, director of laboratories at the National Heart and Blood Institute, offered some advice on the subject during a recent lecture at the Holiday Inn.

You can reduce the risk of heart attacks or heart disease by not smoking, Wilson said.

To avoid heart problems, control your weight and stay physically fit with a reasonable exercise programme and reduce the amount of cholesterol in your diet, he said.

Hypertension and diabetes also contribute to heart disease, he said. Control of blood pressure and glucose may help delay or prevent heart disease.

Avoid mental stress, he advised. People with high blood

pressure and excessive drive are more susceptible to heart problems, studies have shown.

### Hope

Those who have a family history of heart disease must be extra careful, Wilson said. But a new drug, introduced in Kuwait by Safwan Trading Co., offers hope.

The drug, Lopid, was first synthesized at Warner-Lambert Laboratories in 1968.

A heart study in Helsinki, Finland, under the direction of the University of Helsinki and the Finnish National Board of Health in co-operation with Warner-Lambert showed that Lopid had a dual clinical benefit by raising high-density lipoproteins (HDL) and lowering harmful low density lipoproteins (LDL), Wilson said.

Throughout the world, more than 1 million patients have been treated with Lopid.



**Sheikh Saad for Saudi Arabia**

KUWAIT, Nov 4. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah leaves for Saudi Arabia at 11:30 am local time Saturday on an official visit at the invitation of Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and head of the National Guards Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Sheikh Saad will be accompanied on his visit from Saturday to Wednesday by an official delegation and several Kuwaiti journalists, including Ahmed Al Jarallah, editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

## Kuwait wants 5 years to reduce its stake in BP

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuters): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), ordered by Britain to cut its 21.6 per cent stake in British Petroleum Co PLC by more than half within a year, has asked for a five-year deadline, a British official said today.

"They did ask for five years," a spokeswoman for the Office of Fair Trading said, adding that she believed the request had been lodged within the last week.

Britain last month ordered the KIO, Kuwait's London-based overseas investment arm, to reduce its present stake in BP, worth about £3 billion (\$5.09

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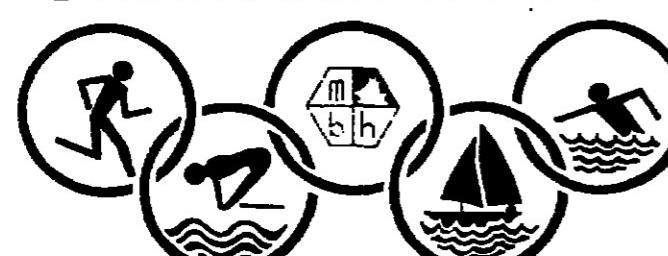
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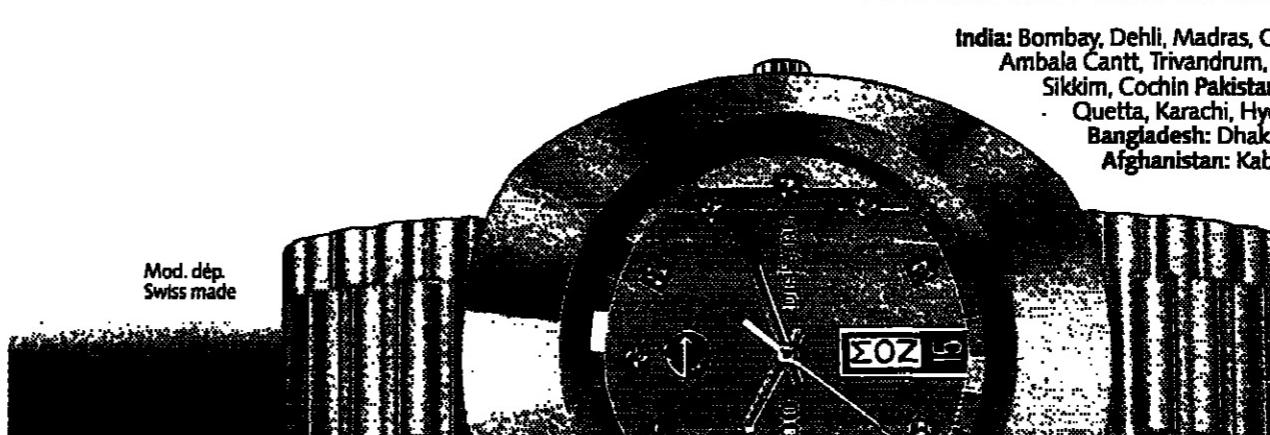
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## Thought for today

THE secret of being a bore is to tell everything — Voltaire, French author (1694-1778).

## OPINION

### Strengthening GCC ties

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today starts his visit to Saudi Arabia which is part of a series of visits made by GCC top officials to the states in the region.

This visit gains prominence from the fact that it precedes the GCC summit due to be held in Bahrain next month. Its importance also stems from the fact that it takes place between two important GCC members.

It also follows the defusing of tension that reigned in the region and the whole world for several years. A common feeling of exultation characterizes this stage following the end of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Both HH the Crown Prince and his Saudi counterpart are eager to strengthen the ties among the people in the Persian and Arabian peninsula based on the unity of interests.

This will provide the people in the areas the freedom to travel about, actively contribute to the total unification of interests and work hard to enhance their capabilities. This is of major significance in the light that the EEC is taking this opportunity to gather strength and protect itself as an individual bloc. The EEC is pre-empting attempts to permit dealings not conducive to the interests of its unified market.

The state of detente currently prevailing in the world is undoubtedly worth speedy action as deemed by HH the Crown Prince and his Saudi counterpart. The objective is to further link the interests of the people in the region to provide a well-based strategy to run industrial enterprises based on market demand and shareholders' capacity to contribute to these industries.

The relations binding Kuwait to Saudi Arabia are of special importance. The visit by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is intended to further unveil the depth and importance of these relations. Such a visit will substantially contribute to the regional effort to tackle all pending issues, further solidify the existing brotherly relations and mobilise potentials in the best interest of the Kuwaiti and Saudi people.

There is nothing stronger than linking people with their common interests.

**Ahmed Al Jarallah**

### Burma's students prepare to fight back

By Paul Wedel

**THEBAWBO, Burma, (UPI):** Burma's pro-democracy demonstrators, crushed by the Army, have turned to ethnic rebel groups for arms and training to fight back against the military government.

"We asked for democracy. They gave us bullets," said S. Aung Lwin, a member of the executive committee of the All Burma Students Democracy Front. "So now we have to give them bullets back."

Long lines of some 1,200 young T-shirted Burmese marched on the soccer field at the Thebaubo camp of the Karen ethnic rebel group, awkwardly hefting battered rifles as their instructors barked orders.

Karen officer Maj. Robertson — he has no first name — in charge of the student training, said the students were learning fast.

"They all want to go back and fight," he said. "They are very eager."

An estimated 10,000 students have reached rebel camps of the Karen, Shan, Kachin and Mon ethnic groups near Burma's northern and eastern borders.

"We didn't want an armed struggle," said Koko Oo, 27, head of the Student Executive Committee. "But the Army has shown it will never give in to the demands of the people without a fight."

The students spoke bitterly of friends gunned down during demonstrations.

#### Killed

Since Sept. 18, when the military took direct control to crush the elections, a military spokesman said more than 450 people have been killed. Diplomats in Rangoon said the toll goes into the thousands.

"We didn't have any choice, we had to run to live," said one student.

Dr Myint Chio said about half of the students at Thebaubo are sick with malaria and diarrhoea from their difficult trek through the jungle to the camp. Meagre food and medicine has slowed their recovery, he said.

The students said they were establishing their own separate camps and would remain independent of the ethnic rebel groups that have been fighting the central government for more than 30 years.

They admitted there had been confusion and disorganisation

when they first arrived in the jungle.

"People came from many places, but it hasn't been hard to organise because we all have the same aims," said Soe Khine, a member of the Student Executive Committee.

Many students are still confused and shocked by the traumatic events of past three months. Some wonder if they made the right decision to flee to the jungle. The Burmese military has tried to increase their doubts to get them to surrender.

The military-run radio has quoted returned students describing ill treatment by the Kurds at the camp.

Other broadcasts promised to welcome the dissidents back and warn that military action would be taken against anyone who does not surrender by Nov. 18.

Student leaders at Thebaubo said they believe the offer was a trap. They said students trying to return home have been intercepted by the military and killed.

A Rangoon-based diplomat said the government was making great efforts to break up the alliance between the student dissidents and the ethnic rebels for political and psychological rather than military reasons.

"Students have always been in the vanguard of political movements," said the diplomat.

He said the cited students would be a liability to the insurgents for some time before they could be trained and toughened.

"The government is concerned not because of the military factor but because the students have a lot of prestige in society," he said.

Koko Oo said the students had left behind in the cities a network that would support the newly trained and armed groups from the rebel camps.

#### Warfare

"It will be urban guerrilla warfare because we know we cannot beat the Army in the jungle — they are too well-trained and equipped," he said.

"In a month we will be trained and then we will go back to lead the people to victory," said Aung Lwin.

He said the armed students would try to stop the military from coercing people during elections expected early next year and would provide force to back up the moderate opposition leaders fighting the regime politically.

"The whole people are with us," he said. "It could all be over in a year."

## No firm official bias discernible in most countries

# World watches intently as US prepares to vote

By Bernard Melusky

LONDON, (Reuter): The world awaits the result of the US presidential election with studied impartiality in the main, but with clear favouritism in some tinderbox areas.

Whatever hopes or fears are aired inside the Kremlin, the Soviet Union is keeping aloof from the campaign, and neither in Asia nor the European Economic Community is any firm official bias discernible.

But in the Middle East and in southern Africa, areas of present or potential turmoil, there is keen self-interest on whether Republican George Bush or Democrat Michael Dukakis will win on Nov. 8.

Dukakis' Greek ancestry is not seen as an important issue, but the fact that his wife is Jewish appears to concern some in the Arab world.

#### Continuity

Bush, as Ronald Reagan's vice-president, is seen as representing continuity in foreign policy, a factor of special importance to those like South Africa, who fear what a change in the American administration could mean for them.

But change may be desired by some leaders in Latin America, where US influence has declined markedly.

Reuter correspondents from various capitals report on what the world expects and wants from the vote and the new president.

In the official media of the Soviet Union, even-handed treatment has been given to both candidates. The seemingly disinterested coverage serves a purpose: keeping the Kremlin out of the campaign.

"We want to be very cautious. We don't want to do anything to fuel the debate," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told Reuters. "There is no official Soviet view of the election."

#### Warning

One senior European diplomat said a declaration issued after a meeting of seven presidents in Punta del Este, Uruguay, at the weekend could be read as a warning to Bush that perpetuating Reagan's policies would invite friction.

The leaders of Latin America's major countries have been careful not to take sides publicly during the campaign, but it is no secret that many Latins feel relations with the United States would take a turn for the better under a Democratic administration.

#### Warning

US aid for the Contra rebels has been one of the most sensitive issues in Latin-US relations.

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#### Change

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hour to the south.

In South Africa, official sympathies clearly lie with Bush rather than Dukakis, who has promised to step up sanctions and declare the country a terrorist area.

Eight years ago the region marked a watershed with the start of Reagan's "constructive engagement" policy to South Africa, and the birth of an independent Zimbabwe.

#### Confrontation

Since then the region has been scarred by confrontation between South Africa and its neighbours, who have accused it of using economic pressure and military might to destabilise

But the picture is changing because of the prospect of independence for Namibia, the goal of US-brokered peace talks involving Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

For South Africa, agreeing to Namibian independence provides an opportunity to blunt pressure for sanctions in the US Congress in 1989.

President P.W. Botha is already extracting diplomatic leverage from the Angolan peace process by raising his profile in black Africa where he has visited several leaders recently.

But other factors are at work reshaping the future of the region. The most important is a shift of policy in Moscow towards a negotiated solution to the problem of South Africa, and co-operation with the United States.

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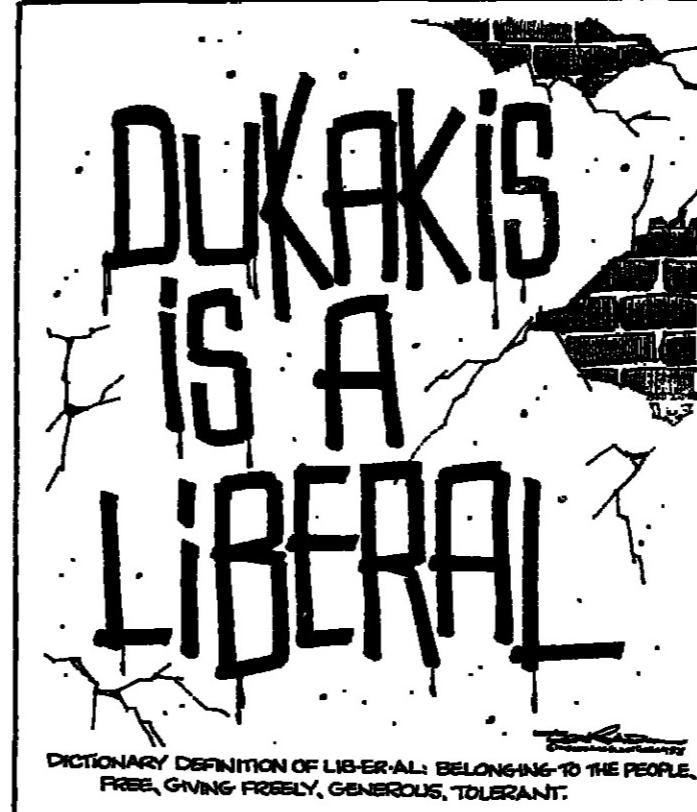
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and Egypt will remain the main recipient of US military and economic aid after Israel.

Turkey, despite decades of tension with its neighbour Greece, appears not unduly worried by the prospect of a Greek immigrant's son — Dukakis — becoming president.

"Dukakis, like others whose forebears were immigrants, is an American. Since they are Americans they will uphold their national interests above everything else," a senior Turkish official said.

In Western Europe, key questions are East-West relations and trade.

On trade, European Economic Community officials in Brussels are generally happy with the prospect of Bush winning, since Democrats are more tarnished with the protectionist brush.

Reagan is credited with having stood up well to a protectionist Congress and Bush is expected to continue that stance. And one EEC official added: "We don't see Dukakis as a real threat on the trade front."

#### Change

French officials say they expect no major change in US foreign policy, at least for a few months, if Bush is elected.

A French official said privately: "With Dukakis, we're in the dark. Dukakis isn't always clear about what possible shift in foreign policy."

"His links with Jewish lobbies and the fact his wife is Jewish, could suggest a more pro-Israeli stance in the Middle East. But, you know, things are different

when you are in charge and have to face international reality then when you are a candidate," he added.

The close and personally warm ties developed between Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the only Western leader to allow British bases to be used by US planes in the April, 1986 bombing raid on Libya, will be underlined by the president's invitation to her to meet his successor in Washington only a week after the election.

Thatcher's position as the West's longest-serving leader, and her cordial relations with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, would also stand in her good stead to advise a possible incoming Democratic administration on defence and East-West relations, her aides said.

Reagan vetoed legislation that would have hit China's exports, particularly textiles and clothing which account for one third of its sales to the United States.

Beijing also wants continued US liberalisation of cables on technology sales to China.

Reagan last month gave conditional approval to China to launch US-built satellites for foreign clients.

South Korea, with a trade surplus with Washington of nearly \$10 billion, has come under pressure in the past two years to revalue its currency and open markets to US imports.

The won has been revalued gradually and the domestic market liberalised, though not enough for US tastes.

Nevertheless the Reagan administration has opposed mainly Democratic pressure for protectionist moves against Seoul.

"Hearing their election pledges does not make us believe one would be better than the other," said Lee Ho-Yun, chief researcher at the Korean Foreign Trade Association.

"But in view of the histories of those parties, the Democrats would be more protectionist."

Anti-Americanism has been fanned in recent months by radical students over the presence of more than 40,000 US troops who back the country's armed forces.

"Dukakis reminds me of Carter, whose policies were damaging to our nation's interests," said office worker Tai Mi-Kyung. President Carter committed himself to pulling US troops out of South Korea but never followed through.

In Taipei and Tokyo, some officials saw little difference between the candidates.

"We are not too optimistic about the future as both can candidates said they would use the trade law more aggressively," said Shin Yasunobu, divisional deputy director in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Taiwan's Fredrick Chien, until this year unofficial ambassador to Washington, said Taipei hoped for free trade, continued US military presence in Europe and avoid disputes on burden.

## People are starving in some parts of Sudan

By David Ress

JUBA, Sudan, (Reuter): Juba, the besieged capital of southern Sudan, is a city of wanderers.

An endless search for food sends thousands shuffling through empty marketplaces and thousands more straggling in from a countryside at war.

Rebel forces of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have kept Juba under a loose siege for years so the hunger is not new. But now many people are starving.

A Reuter correspondent and photographer — the first foreign journalists to see Juba in nearly a year — found a city with almost no food, with no work.

All hope seemed pinned on a UN airlift of maize which started last week in spite of fears that the rebels might shoot down the UN plane.

#### Autonomy

The SPLA seeks greater autonomy for the mainly Christian and animist south from a central government it considers too much dominated by the Muslim Arabs of the north.

In the dusty two-acre (one-hectare) Conyo-Conyo market, thousands of women, each with an empty pail or basket, wandered through rows after rows of empty stalls, searching for grain that was not there.

Some are even worse off.

Angela Anduga, 25, is pregnant, so the foragers of the Juba I primary school yard where she lives have left her behind to look after the children.

She cupped her hand gently beneath the chin of a scrawny, dusty one-year-old who vomited a yellow, watery stream.

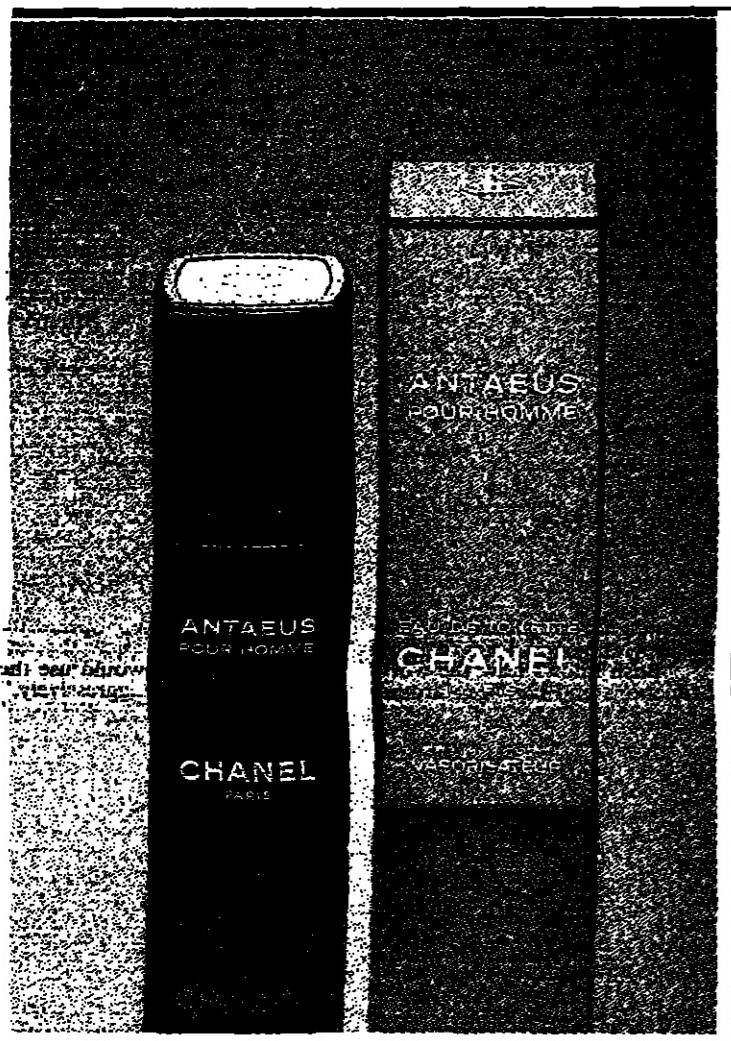


Scottish pianist David McArthur enthralled the audience with his skilful interpretation of music by such masters as Beethoven and Schumann, among others. McArthur, who performed at the Mousetrap Theatre, last week, was giving his third recital in Kuwait. An accomplished pianist, he has performed in several countries around the globe.

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#### WHAT'S ON

##### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

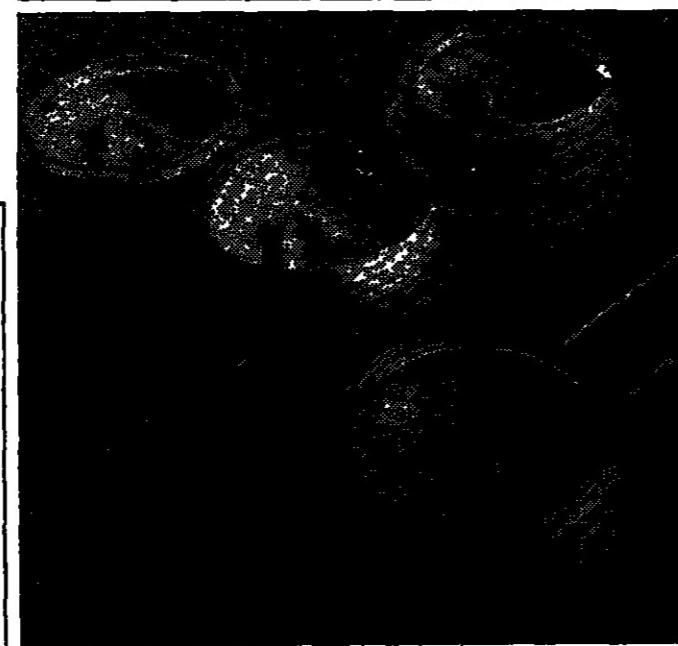
**Arabian Gulf St.**  
Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

##### CINEMA

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#### CINEMA TODAY

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**Al Salimya**  
Police Academy 5  
Starring: Bubba Smith, David Croft  
**Al Hamra**  
Lethal Weapon  
Starring: Mel Gibson, Danny Galtar  
**Drive-In**  
Ightial Madrasah (Arabic)  
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabreen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil

**Al Firdous**  
Pyasse Sawan (Hindi)  
Starring: Moushumi Chatterjee, Reema Roy  
Fahheel Open-Air  
Dayavan (Hindi)  
Starring: Feroz Khan, Vinod Khanna, Madhuri Dixit  
**Al Fahheel**  
Kakkothi Kavile Appooppan Thadikal (Malayalam)  
**Al Jahra**  
Malula  
**Granda**  
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Ahmed Drive-In  
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**NOV. 23:** Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton lobby.

##### SOCIAL

**Canadian Women's League**

**NOV. 5:** The Canadian Women's League in Kuwait will hold a meeting-cum-get together from 4 to 6 pm. For details call 3718678.

**German-Speaking Cultural Association**

**NOV. 6:** Kuwait Hilton, Old Failaka Room 10 am. Interesting news will be shared with ladies at the regular monthly meeting coffee morning on Sunday. All German-speaking ladies are requested to attend.

**Japan Week**

**NOV. 4-8:** High-Tech Show

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**Diwali Celebration**

**NOV. 10:** The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Highlight: Narthana's "Nrithotsav '88" — dance-drama show. For entry passes call IAC — Tel: 3904817.

**Nite Flight 88**

**NOV. 10:** SAS Hotel. The Tent. 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and the Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contests, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; John — 2435440; Tony — 2415439.

##### Contact

**NOV. 12:** SAS Hotel, 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

**Brer Rabbit**

**NOV. 17:** Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm.

**Open Garden**

**NOV. 17/18:** Matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7; 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**

**NOV. 23 (Wed):** Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

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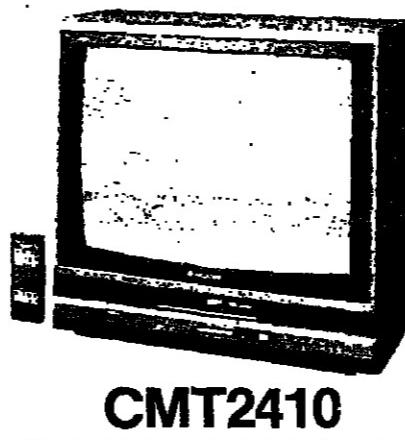
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## This week on KTV 2



A scene from Sunday's best-seller 'The Gambler.'

SUNDAY  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons  
6.30 Fast Forward: "Space."  
A look at human endeavours to explore space.  
7.00 Steel Riders: Pressure mounts on Lee and Mike to hack the government computer.  
7.30 Challenge: "Antarctic."  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Keeping Up Appearances." The doctor questions the husband about his wife's unnatural injuries.  
9.30 Hooperman: "John Doe," starring John Ritter. Hooperman seeks psychic help to solve a case.  
10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hilda has an unpleasant discussion with her mother. Starring: Suzanne Sommers.

10.30 Best-Seller: "The Gambler," Part 2.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown.

MONDAY  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons  
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: this week's show looks at the life of children in Montreal, Canada.

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.  
7.30 Out of This World: "I've Got A Secret." Evie's secret is out and the entire town is at the door to look at the girl from outer-space.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 Miami Vice: "Heroes of Revolution." A Cuban officer's posting in Miami raises new problems for the vice-squad. Starring: Don Johnson.

9.30 In Search Of: "Deadly Ants."  
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Starring: Harry Morgan. Comedy.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny. A murderer challenges the police to stop him from committing a crime.

11.30 News Summary  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

tion caused by hurricanes in the US.

10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian is involved in unravelling another mystery.

11.30 News Summary  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial  
6.30 Wonderstruck: examines the benefits of blood tests; earth's movements and architecture.

7.00 Pals: Oscar and Sammy go to the mountains.

7.30 Growing Pains: "Nasty Habits." Starring: Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 Probe: "Metamorphic."

Austin and Mickey are hired to take care of Josephine — the chimpanzee.

9.30 The Secret World: examines African legends.

10.00 What's Happening Now: While the couple holiday, their adopted daughter runs away from home.

10.30 L.A. Law: a look at the life, loves and work of lawyers.

11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Mask: cartoons

6.30 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers.

7.30 Mac and Matley

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Highwayman: "Road Ranger." The highwayman's friend is killed in a shootout with police.

9.30 The Cosby Show: the Huxtables get tough with their children. Comedy.

10.00 Spectacular Sports: Bloopers and Fabulous Foul.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "T.A.G.: The Assassination Bureau." Starring: Robert Carradine, Linda Hamilton, Perry Lang, Kristine de Bell. College kids play a game — like Dungeons and

Dragons — all over campus, in which assassins stalk each other. Predictably, the game gets out of control, and one of the players begins killing people to score points.

12.00 News in Brief

12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoons

4.30 Italian Football

5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Underdogs." A weasel's son defies his father and makes his own study plans.

7.00 Star Trek: "Where None..." The "Enterprise" is lost in space due to a human error.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Breaking Away

8.40 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football.

9.30 Jack Thompson: Down Under tonight, a look at old and new helicopters, and diving, fishing and shooting exercises.

10.30 Diamonds: "Class Reunion." A night club employee kills a woman and escapes with a bagful of money...

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**British premier urges greater freedom in Poland****Thatcher gets a tumultuous welcome in Gdansk**

GDANSK, Poland, Nov 4. (Reuters) Tens of thousands of Poles chanting "Solidarity, Solidarity" gave British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher a tumultuous welcome today in the northern city of Gdansk.

The crowd chanted, sang and applauded as Thatcher and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa laid a wreath of red and white roses at a memorial to 28 strikers shot dead by the Polish Army in food riots in 1970.

Workers on a roof inside the nearby Lenin Shipyard, where the outlawed trade union was born amid strikes in 1980, waved, clapped and shouted "bravo" when Thatcher climbed on a bench to let the throng look at her.

**Climbed**

"There's masses of people," Thatcher said in surprise.

Security guards forced a path through a pack of reporters and photographers to enable her and Walesa to shake hands with the crowd.

"No freedom without Solidarity," they chanted. "Out with Rakowski" — a reference to Communist Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who has ordered the shutdown of the Lenin Shipyard.

Then they broke into Poland's

national anthem which begins: "Poland has not yet perished while we still live."

Thatcher and Walesa climbed on to the running boards of their limousine and Walesa flashed V-for-victory signs at the crowd as they drove off for lunch with the union leadership at a Roman Catholic church rectory.

"See how many people have come despite the efforts to stop them," Walesa told Thatcher at the shipyard monument, which workers built in 1980 in the form of three towering crosses.

"They have filtered through somehow. Everybody had to have special clearance (from the authorities) to get here. We will not be defeated. This is a monument of hope," Walesa said.

Earlier, Thatcher joined Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski in laying a wreath at Westerplatte, a promontory in the Bay of Gdansk where the first shots of World War Two were fired.

**Disputes**

Father Henryk Jankowski, a close adviser to Walesa, said Thatcher's visit to the Solidarity leader was a major event for the union, which is locked in disputes with the government.

"It gives us much hope. It is the full acceptance of Solidarity,"

Jankowski said. "Mrs Thatcher is well respected in Poland. You can see it. Look at the crowds."

He said people in Gdansk were nervous after the government's order to shut down the shipyard, which Walesa has denounced as a political provocation against Solidarity likely to cause tension and conflicts in Poland.

Rakowski says the closure is to be made on purely economic grounds as the first step in a Thatcher-style streamlining of Polish industry.

"Reforms

In a forthright speech in Warsaw on Thursday night Thatcher told Jaruzelski the only way to get people to co-operate in the economic reforms he proposed was to give them democratic freedoms, including the right to choose their own trade union.

She said people must accept responsibility in return for freedoms but that it was vital for the government to open a real dialogue with the opposition, including Solidarity.

Efforts to set up government-Solidarity talks to work out a common approach to Poland's future have faltered in recent weeks after Jaruzelski rejected the idea of restoring the union freedoms he scrapped under martial law in 1981.



Thatcher waves to some of the thousands of citizens in Hala Miejska market in Poland. (Reuters photo)

**Eight states may have developed N. weapons**

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuters) At least eight countries may have developed nuclear weapons outside the scrutiny of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the *Guardian* newspaper reported today.

It quoted the confidential section of the IAEA's annual report for 1987 as the agency's governors as saying the countries concerned had sufficient material to make thousands of nuclear warheads.

Vietnam, North Korea and Colombia, none of which had safeguards agreements allowing the IAEA to inspect nuclear installations, had significant nuclear facilities enough to manufacture weapons materials, the *Guardian* said.

It went on: "Eight states allow some sites to be inspected but have 'unsafeguarded activities capable of producing direct-use nuclear material.' These are Argentina, India, Pakistan, Israel and South Africa."

**Problems**

The IAEA's safeguards inspection programme is aimed at stopping the spread of nuclear arms from the five long-standing nuclear weapons states — the United States, Soviet Union, China, Britain and France. The *Guardian* said it obtained a confidential section of the IAEA report saying the agency faced severe verification problems even with countries taking part in its inspection programme.

"Obstruction by several countries which claim to adhere to the treaty meant agency inspectors have been unable to check that plutonium and highly enriched uranium had not been diverted for military purposes," the paper said.

**Jihad blames US for delay in freeing hostages**

BEIRUT, Nov 4. (Reuters) A militant pro-Iranian group holding two US hostages in Lebanon said today the main obstacle to their release was Washington's failure to honour its promises.

"The only sound path that could lead to the freedom and safety of the hostages is through meeting our just demands. This is the core of the whole matter," Islamic Jihad said in a statement.

The statement, sent to an international news agency in West Beirut, was accompanied with a polaroid photograph of US journalist Terry Anderson, who was kidnapped on March 16, 1985.

The statement denied media reports saying that the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq in the Gulf war would speed up the release of its hostages.

**Gambling**

"We repeat for the thousand time and with insistence that the whole hostage issue has nothing to do whatsoever with what is going on in the Gulf," it said.

The reason for not releasing the American hostages now is a result of American hypocrisy and gambling and because of its failure to honour its pledges and promises."

The group holds Anderson, 41, Middle East bureau chief of the Associated Press, and Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

**Vice-President defends Quayle****Dukakis pounds Bush on drugs**

WASHINGTON, Nov 4. (Agencies) With just a long weekend separating the presidential candidates from election day, a hoarse Michael Dukakis pounced George Bush on two issues, drugs and his running mate, and said "we're coming on strong" in the final hours.

Dukakis, the Democratic Governor of Massachusetts who trails the Republican vice-president by about 10 percentage points in most opinion polls, planned a series of television interviews today to reach as many voters as possible.

Although his voice has grown hoarse and he looks weary, Dukakis has maintained an optimistic tone ahead of Tuesday's election. "We're coming on strong all across the country. We're going to win," he told a Philadelphia audience yesterday.

In addition to television interviews, which have become the mainstay of his candidacy in the past week, Dukakis also planned public appearances today in New York, Illinois and Kentucky.

Independent polls suggest close contests in New York and Illinois as well as other crucial states such as California, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. The six states together account for 175 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election.

The 41-year-old senator has been relegated to campaigning in

small cities with limited media exposure, prompting today's Washington Post to run a front-page story with the headline: "Quayle moves from controversy to obscurity."

Bush and Quayle have rarely appeared together since the Republican convention in August, when news reports surfaced about Quayle's decision to join the Indiana national guard in the Vietnam war and his mediocre academic record in college.

The vice-president planned stops today in Connecticut and Ohio and intended to hit several key battleground states in the final days of the campaign.

With a Bush victory widely expected, attention has focused on the politicians who might win important posts in a new Republican administration.

Former Treasury Secretary James Baker, Bush's campaign manager, is expected to become secretary of state if the vice-president wins, and former Texas senator John Tower is seen as the frontrunner for defence secretary.

John Sununu, the departing governor of New Hampshire, is seen as a possible White House chief of staff. Bush's team is also likely to include some holdovers from the Reagan administration such as Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

**Moscow seeks to avert an Iraqi-Syrian war**

BEIRUT, Nov 4. (UPI) The Soviet Union is mediating between Syria and Iraq to head off a possible military confrontation between the two Arab foes, a Beirut newspaper reported today.

The independent An-Nahar, quoting a diplomatic source, said "Moscow is seeking to avert an Iraqi-Syrian war" in Lebanon.

The Soviet Union is exerting behind-the-scenes efforts to heal the Iraqi-Syrian rift, and dissuade Iraq from its new stance in Lebanon which would lead to a (military) confrontation on Lebanese territory," the source told An-Nahar.

Recent shipments of arms and ammunition by Iraq to the Christian Lebanese Forces militia in East Beirut has provoked pro-Syrian Muslim factions to reinforce their positions around East Beirut.

Analysts have expressed fears Iraq might challenge the Syrian role in Lebanon in revenge for Syria's backing of Iran in the Gulf war.

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Gemayel set up the military government when parliament failed to elect a new president and time was running out.

**AIDS cases**

GENEVA, Nov 4. (UPI) Global cases of AIDS rose by 4,296 or 3.6 per cent in October to a known cumulative total of 124,114, the World Health Organisation (WHO) reported today.

The United States accounted for most of the increase with cases rising by 3,276 to 76,670 as of Oct 31 or 6.2 per cent of the world total.

"We have three serious cases now... which have proved unfortunate for the credibility of our country."

**Norway asks India to help find heavy water**

OSLO, Nov 4. (Reuters) Norway said yesterday it had asked India to help trace a cargo of heavy water, which can be used to make atomic bombs, that was illegally bought by Romania to Bombay and then possibly to another country.

Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg told state radio that the appeal had been made to India's ambassador to Oslo on Wednesday. He said Norway's credibility had been damaged by a spate of recent scandals over its heavy water exports. "Bombay could have been used as a transit point and that is why we need to co-operate," he said.

Norway said earlier this week that 15 tonnes of heavy water, which can be used in making plutonium, had been rerouted from Basile in Switzerland in defiance of international regulations.

Several tonnes of Soviet water were also on the plane, it said. "I cannot say with certainty that we will not discover more breaches of Norwegian conditions of sale for the water," Stoltenberg said.

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**Indian MPs vote themselves 50pc pay rise**

NEW DELHI, Nov 4. (Reuters) Indian Members of Parliament yesterday voted themselves a 50 per cent pay rise, doubled their daily allowances and lengthened their list of privileges. United News of India said.

The pay hike, which gives the nation's 778 MP's a monthly salary of Rs 1,500 (\$103), will cost Rs 40 million (\$2.7 million). Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Bhagat told Parliament.

Bhagat said he was aware of the new benefits, which included doubling the daily allowance to Rs 150 (\$1) and free first class travel for MPs' spouses, remained inadequate.

**Koo Stark wins \$534,000 for libel damages**

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuters) American-born actress Koo Stark won £300,000 pounds (\$534,000) libel damages yesterday from a British newspaper which, she said, implied she had an adulterous affair with Prince Andrew.

A jury of seven men and five women made the award after the judge said they could assume that stories in the tabloid Sunday People were a "tissue of lies" and that Stark's reputation was unmarred.

**Romance**

Stark, 32, who had a well-publicised romance with Queen Elizabeth's second son before her marriage in 1984, smiled at the verdict and avoided journalists.

Her lawyer Desmond Browne said the allegations in 1983 that she indulged a "flaming love" to have secret meetings with the prince were made at a time when her marriage was in trouble and destroyed hopes of a reconciliation with her husband.

Stark and her husband Timothy Jeffries, heir to a business fortune, have since officially separated.

The court also awarded Stark legal costs estimated at £50,000 (\$89,000) against the Sunday People, which is owned by publishing magnate Robert Maxwell.

A spokesman for Maxwell said: "We shall be appealing, especially on the amount of damages."

Stark told the jury she had never spoken publicly to confirm or deny an affair with Prince Andrew before she married, despite six years of harassment by newspapers.

**Courage**

She had avoided going to court before to avoid exposing herself to questioning about her relationship with the prince who has since married and become the Duke of York.

Browne described the Sunday People as scoundrels and added: "Wherein lies the courage to use falsehoods to attack a young girl whose marriage is on the rocks and a member of the royal family who the defendants know cannot take proceedings."

He said the newspaper "in publishing all this smoke was playing with fire and it was Miss Stark who got burnt."

The Sunday People did not claim the articles were true but said they were not defamatory.

**Highway crash**

ISTANBUL, Nov 4. (Reuters) Eight Iranians and a Japanese man were among 28 people killed in a highway crash in western Turkey yesterday, traffic police said.

Most of the dead were on a bus travelling in thick fog from Ankara to Istanbul on the trans-Turkey highway near Sakarya, 160 km (100 miles) east of Istanbul.

**Protest**

MANILA, Nov 4. (UPI) Some 2,000 leftist workers burned an American flag in a protest today demanding the dismantling of strategic US military bases in the Philippines.

Wearing masks and chanting "no to US bases," the protesters belonging to the militant labour alliance KMU, or May 1st movement, marched on the sea front US embassy and staged a rally for about 45 minutes as 50 riot police armed with truncheons stood watch.

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A rock critic takes issue on the near-saintliness status of pop icons U2

## Are U2 too good to be true?

By Marcus Berkman

FOR every rock critic, there's always one band whose success is an unsolvable enigma, whose records are never less than excruciating and music is not so much irritating as provocative.

For me, that band is U2.

That's not necessarily a wise thing to admit, for U2 are the current holders of that unofficial but prestigious title. The Biggest Band In The World. Their last album, *The Joshua Tree*, sold more than 12 million copies worldwide. Their new album, *Rattle And Hum*, just released, is expected to sell more than a million copies in the UK.

On the face of it, they're harmless Irish four-piece whose only obvious sin is a tendency to silly pseudonyms (their guitarist calls himself "the Edge") they nevertheless drive me round the bend.

It seems I am alone in this reaction. No other group attracts such slavish devotion. To read some of their Press, you would think that sanctification cannot be far away. Their lead singer Bono (another silly name) must be a good bet for the Nobel Peace Prize, sooner or later.

Disliking them places you in pop music's equivalent of an H.M. Bateman cartoon. Not to appreciate the epic Irish intensity of U2's rock style is to miss out for reasons of some unexplained character defect on an overwhelming musical experience — in other words, to be wrong. In many ways their appeal is primarily nostalgic. U2 represents the return of Rock, in the long-hair, loud-guitars, gallons-of-sweat sense of the word. Their music is created for a wide screen, full of power and passion and intense seriousness. To be a rock icon in 1988 you have to be serious, and U2 are Very Serious. Indeed, which explains, at least partly, why they are so incredibly clean-living, happily married and politically hip. This is, after all, the era of the Rock 'n' Roll Goody Goody, with pop musicians hijacking

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U2: attracts slavish devotion

the role of global conscience on every conceivable right-on political issue.

And of all the goody goodies, none gives us quite as many apples to teacher as U2. They support Amnesty International. They are alive to social problems. They are concerned People.

### Crackers

What's not so well known is that they are born-again Christians. They cover it up well. The spectre of Bible-thumping evangelism has done little harm

to their sales.

But it's the music that drives me crackers. Increasingly it sounds like a throwback to the heavy rock of the early Seventies — some of the ugliest music ever invented.

Their recent discovery of the blues has made things even worse. On *Rattle And Hum* they sometimes sound exactly like Led Zeppelin.

They have managed to repackage the more commercial elements of Seventies rock — loud blues-based guitars and

greasy hair while dropping the now unacceptable side effects — promiscuity and heroin overdoses.

Instead they have added their friskiness, their saintliness and their seriousness. It's a clever formula, although one beset by the ever-present threat of hubbug.

Take their argument with their biographer, ex-footballer and Irish journalist Eamon Dunphy. Hired to stress their mythic, sandy side Dunphy instead turned out a rather more journalistically rigorous work, which, if amazingly badly written, was nevertheless an interestingly informative portrait of the group.

U2 disowned the book (*The Unforgettable Fire*, now out in Penguin); famous as they are for their "honesty", it was perhaps a little too honest for comfort.

Their rise to saintliness has been hard fought. Like every group, they toured and recorded over half a dozen years, consolidating their successes and slowly building an audience.

But it was Live Aid in 1985 which pushed them into the Mother Teresa bracket.

### Indecent

*Rattle And Hum* is the record of a band at the height of its career. A motley collection of live tracks (six), new studio tracks (nine), dodgy cover versions and bizarre collaborations, it is in fact the soundtrack of a new film.

Every review I have read has dished out praise with almost indecent charity, but I found it transcendently dull.

They even sell singles: *Desire*, the most recent release, reached number one. But *Desire* is not a single. If anyone besides U2 had released it, it would not even have been played on the radio.

It must be hard work, being obsessed by your own myth. But U2 are well paid for it, and even if the Pope is not forthcoming with the ultimate going (St Bono, anyone?), their place in the kingdom of heaven is assured.

NEW YORK, (AP): The Beach Boys made their way to the number one position on the single pop record charts in the United States with their new hit Kokomo. The disc was third a week ago.

*Groovy Kind Of Love* by Phil Collins slipped from the top to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart. *The Escape Club's Wild, Wild West* moved down from second to third.

Climbing fast on the top 10 list was *Desire* by U2, up from 11th to 7th. The week's only other newcomer to the list was *Kissing A Fool* by George Michael, up from 15th to 10th.

Rosanne Cash took over the number one spot on Cash Box magazine's Country-and-Western singles chart with *Runaway Train*. *The Desert Rose Band's Summer Wind* was second, while *Blue To The Bone* by Sweethearts of the Rodeo was third.

### Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (Elektra).
- (2) Groovy Kind Of Love — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (3) Wild, Wild West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).
- (4) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (5) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).
- (6) One Moment In Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (7) Desire — U2 (Island).
- (8) Never Tear Us Apart — INXS (Atlantic).
- (9) Don't You Know What The Night Can Do? — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
- (10) Kissing A Fool — George Michael (Columbia).

The top 10 Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Runaway Train — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (2) Summer Wind — The Desert Rose Band (McA-Curb).
- (3) Blue To The Bone — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).
- (4) New Shade of Blue — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).

Enya remains No. 1 in UK

## Beach Boys float to top of US charts



5. (8) Desperately — Don Williams (Capitol).

6. (10) I've Been Lookin' — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

7. (12) I'll Leave This World Loving You — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).

8. (9) What Do You Want From Me This Time — Foster and Lloyd (RCA).

9. (11) Boogie Woogie Fiddle Country Blues — Charlie Daniels Band (Epic).

10. (6) Saturday Night Special — Conway Twitty (MCA).

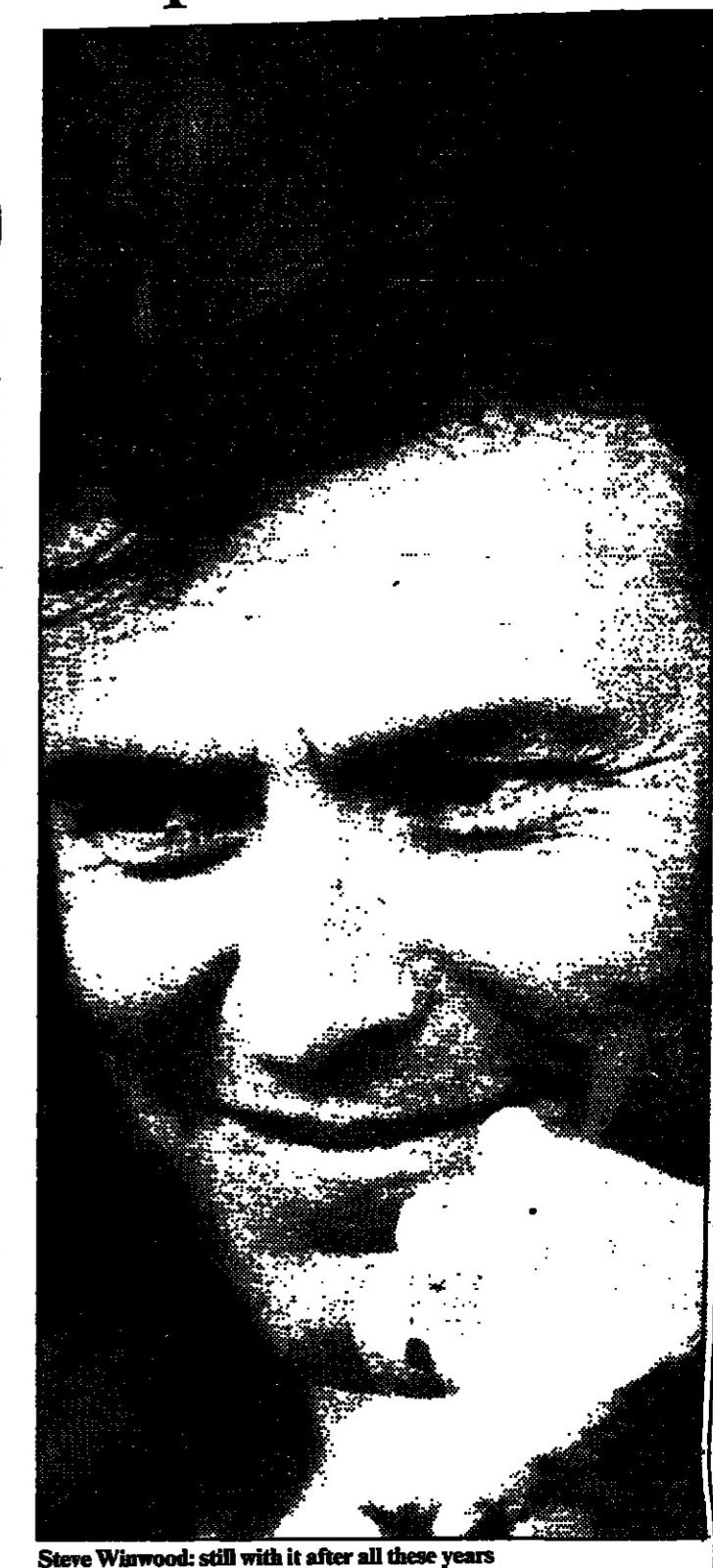
### Top Ten UK

In London, Irish folk-Rock singer Enya remained at the top of the British pop singles record chart for a second straight week with her hit *Orinoco Flow*.

Australian teen-ager Kylie Minogue's *Je Ne Sais Pas Pourquoi* jumped from sixth place to second, while *Kiss* by Art of Noise soared from number 16 to number 3.

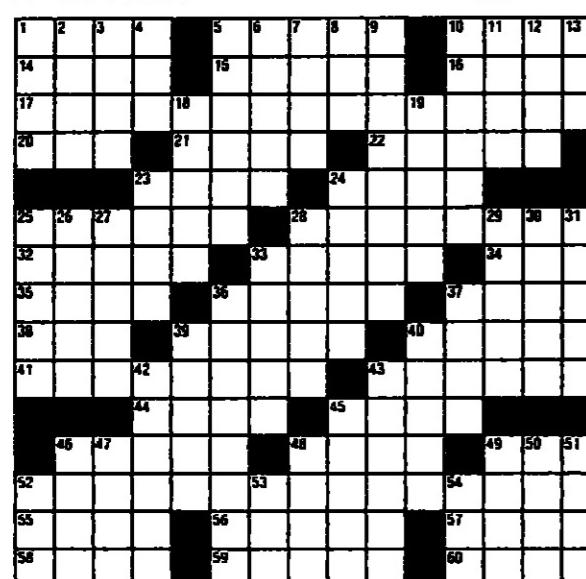
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) Orinoco Flow — Enya (Week).
- (2) Je Ne Sais Pourquoi — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
- (3) Kiss — Art Of Noise (China).
- (4) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Cool Tempo).
- (5) We Call It Aciced — D. Mob (London).
- (6) She Makes My Day — Robert Palmer (EMI).
- (7) Stand Up For Your Love Rights — Yazz (Big Life).
- (8) Harvest For The World — Christians (Island).
- (9) One Moment In Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (10) Wee Rule — Wee Papa Girl Rappers (Jive).



Steve Winwood: still with it after all these years

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1 Sonoma snack
- 5 Toque wearers
- 10 Zip
- 14 Like Humpy Dumpty
- 15 Consonants' connections
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- 21 — of Clever
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- 34 Annoy
- 35 Cypher
- 36 Stuck
- 37 Tibetan monk
- 38 Burmese statesman
- 39 Odin, Balder et al.
- 40 Abominates
- 41 The U.S.A., for one
- 43 Group on The Hill
- 44 Declarer's choice
- 45 W. Samoa's capital
- 46 German mathematician/astronomer
- 48 Winners
- 49 Three — match
- 52 House on The Hill group
- 55 Gael
- 56 "The Maltese Falcon" star
- 57 Actress Moore
- 58 Hart

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
LONG LIVE THE KING!

Both vulnerable. North deals.

#### NORTH

♦ A 8 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 9 6 5 4  
♣ 8 7 4 2

#### WEST

♦ Q J 10 7 4 ♠ 9 6 5  
♥ 4 ♦ Q 7 6 2  
♦ 7 3 2 ♠ A 10 8  
♣ Q 10 6 3 ♣ A 9 9

#### SOUTH

♦ K  
♥ A K J 10 9 8 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ K 5

The bidding:

North East South West  
Pass Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Even monarchs are mortal. How often has the cry rung out: "The king is dead. Long live the king"? It is the story of this hand.

In first or second position, we would open the South hand with a demand bid even though it might be a point or so light. It has only four losers and we would want to alert partner to the fact that, if he holds two aces, we are in slams territory. In fourth seat, though, we would settle for an opening four-heart bid.

One king had to be sacrificed for his other to reign supreme. Long live the king!

First, it's odds-against partner holding two aces. Secondly, even that might not be enough.

Against four hearts West leads the top of his spade sequence. A careless declarer wins in hand and then finds that he has no entry to dummy. He hangs out the ace-king of trumps, but when the queen fails to drop the contract is irretrievably lost. Declarer must play everything from hand, and he ends up surrendering a trick in each red suit and two clubs.

A more careful declarer realizes that his only entry to the table is the ace of spades, so he will rise with that card at trick one, squandering the king under it. He will then use the entry for the trump finesse. That succeeds, but when West shows out on the next trump, declarer must still concede a trump trick and the contract.

The expert foresees that his best chance for the contract is to find East with the ace of clubs. After winning the first trick in dummy, he demands a club bid even though it might be a point or so light. It has only four losers and we would want to alert partner to the fact that, if he holds two aces, we are in slams territory. In fourth seat, though, we would settle for an opening four-heart bid.

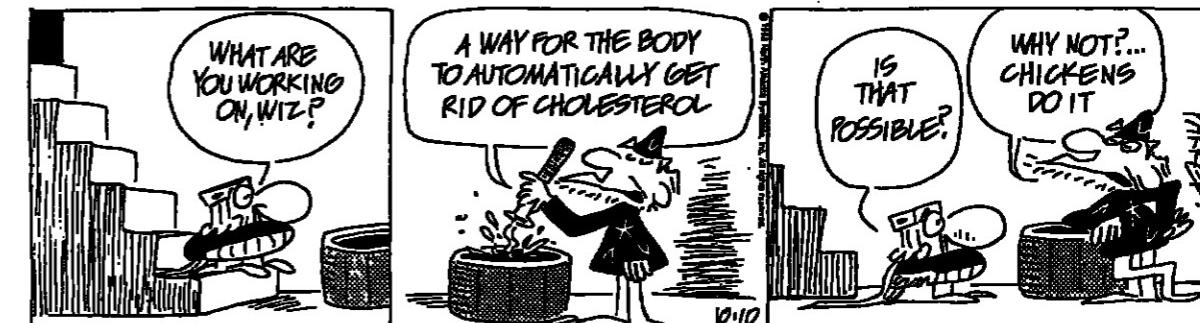
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"You should be careful with blisters. You'd better let the doctor take a look at it."

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS



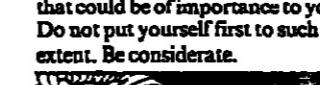
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have plenty of energy but must beware of dissipating it. You should not make a promise you do not intend to keep. Avoid spending too much time playing with gadgets. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will feel on top of the world but there are influences militating against you. You should make sure you do not gloss over something that could be of importance to you. Do not put yourself first to such an extent. Be considerate.



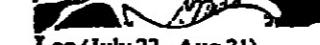
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to spend too much time window-shopping. Make sure you do not betray something you have promised to keep secret. You will have something to be really pleased about. Be sensible.



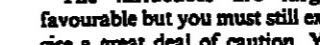
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is going to be a busy and interesting day for you. You will tend to be more nervous than the occasion justifies. You should demonstrate the courage of your convictions. Be fair.



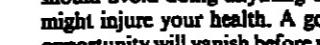
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

The influences are largely favourable but you must still exercise a great deal of caution. You should avoid doing anything that might injure your health. A good opportunity will vanish before you can avail yourself of it.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will have to make the best of things but you will be able to do so. If you show a little more goodwill you will in the end be well rewarded. You should make sure your partner feels loved. Be patient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 21)

This is going to be a busy but most satisfying

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Turkish inflation rate hits 86.4pc

ANKARA, Nov 4. (Reuters): Inflation in Turkey soared to an annual rate of 86.4 per cent in October, the highest since Prime Minister Turgut Ozal took office five years ago, the State Statistics Institute reported today.

The figure was announced ahead of crucial talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington next week at which official sources said Turkey would present a stability plan aimed at cutting the rate to below 30 per cent by 1992.

The institute said retail prices rose by 7.5 per cent in October, compared with 4.8 per cent in the previous month and in October, 1987. The annual inflation rate in September was 81.8 per cent.

### Policy

The IMF has backed Turkish economic policy since 1980, but a Turkish official said it was now showing signs of greater sensitivity, especially over the government's failure to control the cost of living.

"If we are to reduce inflation by 1992, the government must introduce long-term policies for cutting the budget deficit," said one senior banker.

Officials have said the 1988 budget deficit may be 4,098 billion lira (\$2.4 billion), compared with a target of 2,200 billion lira (\$1.3 billion). The 1989 draft budget envisages a deficit of 4,480 billion lira (\$2.6 billion).

### Change

The rising cost of living and a fall in the international value of the lira have caused widespread discontent over Ozal's free-wheeling economic policies, designed partly to enable Turkey to gain full membership of the European Economic Community.

Ozal was humiliated in a referendum in September when the electorate voted two to one against him. The poll, on a minor change to the constitution, became a tacit vote of confidence.

## Kuwait Fund gives loan to Benin

KUWAIT, Nov 4. (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic and Social Development is to extend \$8.80 million to Benin to help finance the second phase of a village and pastoral water supply programme sponsored by the West African economic community.

In addition, a tripartite accord for project co-operation and co-ordination was signed by the Kuwait Fund and Benin together with the West African economic community.

The agreements were signed in Cotonou, Benin, yesterday by Bader Mishari Al Humaidhi, director-general of the Kuwait Fund, Didier Dassi, Benin's Finance Minister, and Mamadou Haidara, secretary-general of the West African economic community.

### Project

The aim of the project, which will cost a total of \$10.91 million, is to provide two million cubic metres of water annually for human and livestock consumption and environmental protection in the Borgou province of Benin.

It will include the construction of six small earth dams, 40 ponds, 50 production wells and around 60 counter wells.

Work on the scheme is due to start early next year and will be completed at the end of 1992.

The loan has been granted over 25 years, with a five-year grace period, bearing an interest rate of one per cent annually and a further 0.5 per cent to cover administrative charges.

## Oil discovery

BAGHDAD, Nov 4. (OPECNA): Iraq has announced the discovery of a new "high-quality" oil deposit in the southern part of the country.

The announcement came in a statement by Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi on Wednesday.

The minister said the deposit in the northern Rumaila oilfield, northeast of Basra, lay at a depth of 4,700ft and had a very low sulphur content.

Experts were continuing to explore and assess hydrocarbon formations in different parts of the country, he added.

"Plans have been drawn to drill deep wells in giant oilfields, test operations of the new oil deposit, continuing in order to study its geographical extent," Al Chalabi said.

## GCC businessmen to discuss reconstruction in Baghdad

# US seeks to expand trade with Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 4. (Reuters): US officials and diplomats expressed satisfaction on Wednesday with the development of trade relations with Iraq, despite political disputes and concern over Baghdad's human rights record.

US Commerce Department official Melvin Sims said American and Iraqi negotiators had just concluded a successful pact on new credit guarantees for US agricultural exports to Iraq for the coming year.

Speaking at a news conference to mark US day at the Baghdad international trade fair, Sims described the agreement as "a dramatic growth" but did not give any figures.

He said the United States extended \$1.1 to 1.2 billion in credit guarantees for agricultural exports during the year ended September compared to only \$153 million in 1982.

### Improvement

But Deputy Assistant Commerce Secretary Robert Pines cautioned: "Despite the great improvement in relations between our two countries, one cannot ignore the political differences that still linger."

Pines said US exports to Iraq had risen from \$427 million in 1985 and \$683 million in 1987 to about \$700 million in the first eight months of this year.

Iraqi exports to the United States so far this year were worth

\$977 million and the total might reach \$1.3 billion by the end of the year, about double last year's figure, he said. Oil made up more than 98 per cent of the exports.

Pines said the US private sector was seeking a greater share in Iraq's reconstruction programme after the eight-year war with Iran.

"Iraq is a major untapped market for the United States in the Near East. It has natural resources and educated popularities necessary to sustain economic development," he said.

Meanwhile, a group of Gulf Arab businessmen and contractors will fly to Baghdad on Saturday to discuss financing and participating in reconstruction

projects in Iraq after eight years of war.

The 220-man team, representing all six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), will demand equal opportunity with Iraqi firms, industry sources said.

### Study

The GCC has supported Iraq during the war with Iran and the sources said the team will study Iraqi laws during the five-day visit and will also ask to be treated like national companies participating in reconstruction projects.

A ceasefire between Iran and Iraq went into effect on Aug 20 and both sides started complex peace talks five days later.

Though there has been no breakthrough in the negotiations the ceasefire has held.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain.

In another development Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi held talks here on Wednesday with Gerhard Tautenhahn, East German Minister of Construction for general machinery, agricultural machinery and vehicles, on expanding bilateral co-operation in the oil industry.

Tautenhahn and his accompanying delegation are attending the trade fair which opened on Tuesday.

## World Business Summary

### Japan wants Iraq to settle its debts before taking new work

BAGHDAD, Nov 4. (Reuters): Japan wants Iraq to settle its debts and achieve a lasting peace with Iran before Japanese firms take on new projects, Ambassador Taizo Nakamura said yesterday. "The success of peace talks and continuation of peace and the settlement of Iraqi debts to Japan are two steps to be achieved before Japanese firms undertake new projects in Iraq," he told a news conference marking Japanese day at the Baghdad international trade fair. Nakamura declined to say how much Iraq owed Japan but said talks were continuing. Japanese exports to Iraq in the first half of this year dropped by 22 per cent to \$168 million compared with the same period in 1987, the executive director of the Foreign Trade Commission, Shinzuka Sogo, said. He said Iraqi exports to Japan, mainly oil, reached \$561 million in the first half of this year, an increase of 144 per cent over the same period in 1987. Commission official Masahiro Suzuki said several public and private-sector delegations were expected in Iraq from April next year to study further rescheduling of deferred payments and explore new projects. Nakamura said continued peace and the success of talks now under way in Geneva were "vital factors in drawing up the aspects of future co-operation between Japan and Iraq."

### Oman confident Iran will be positive on oil stability plan

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, Nov 4. (Reuters): Oman said it was confident Iran would respond favourably to its efforts to persuade oil producers to stabilise the market. "I am confident that officials in Iran will react positively concerning Oman's efforts," Yousef Bin Alavi, Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Al Yom newspaper in remarks published today. He was commenting on a visit to Tehran by Oman's Oil Minister, Said Bin Ahmed Al Shafar, to discuss a production proposal by the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC). Shafar flew to Tehran last Monday to discuss a proposal to set the production of all 13 OPEC members at 17,429 million barrels per day (BPD), giving Iraq and Iran equal quotas. The GCC — OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and non-OPEC Bahrain and Oman — made the proposal after a meeting in Riyadh in October. Twelve OPEC members produced about 21.7 million BPD in October while their quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is 15.06 million BPD. Iraq, the 13 OPEC member, refuses to join OPEC accords unless it is given an output level equal to Iran's 2,369 million BPD. At present Iraq pumps 2.7 million BPD.

### Call for Arab economic integration

MANAMA, Nov 4. (OPECNA): The Bahraini Minister of Development and Industry Yosif Ahmed Al Shirawi has said Arab economic integration can only be achieved through the full mobilisation of Arab resources and potential. Addressing the ninth session of the Ministerial Council of the Organisation for Arab Industrial Development which opened here on Wednesday, the minister welcomed the resolution adopted by the Arab League's Social and Economic Council on the merger of specialised Arab organisations into one body. Earlier, the ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa stressed the need for establishing a solid industrial base in the Arab world.

## Another crash unlikely at this time, says Wendy Gramm

# US markets stronger than in Oct '87

WASHINGTON, Nov 4. (Reuters): US financial markets are stronger today than they were a year ago and could better handle a large sell-off of stocks, the chief US futures regulator said yesterday.

"I think that the markets today are stronger and better able to deal with large volumes than in the past," Wendy Gramm, the chairman of the commodity futures trading commission, said in an interview with Reuters and the television agency Visnews.

She said another crash like that of October 1987 was unlikely at this time. "Prices are at a level where I think people don't think stocks are overvalued," she said.

Even if there were a push to sell stocks, she said, the markets would be able to handle the pressure better.

### Prices

"I think that if participants in the market were to decide at some point in time that the market is overvalued and decided to sell, you could have again a reduction in prices...."

"(However,) we wouldn't face the same problems that we did last October," she said, citing the steps the New York Stock Exchange has taken to increase its trade-processing capacity.

Appointed CFTC chairman earlier this year, Gramm said she was confident her agency would be able to fend off congressional challenges next year to its jurisdiction over stock index futures.

Some on Wall Street blamed stock index futures, which are

bets on the future value of baskets of stocks, for exacerbating the plunge in stock prices in October 1987.

After the crash the Securities and Exchange Commission said it should take over regulation of stock index futures, a position strongly opposed by the futures industry which fears the SEC would tie its hands with new regulations.

Gramm also said electronic futures trading will eventually be a reality and can coexist with traditional pit trading.

"When I look down the road, what I see is a lot of trading with computers," she said. All US futures trading today is done in open 'pits' where traders shout offers to buy or sell.

Gramm said George Bush would be better for US financial markets than Michael Dukakis.

She said the vice-president would not impose heavy regulatory burdens of financial markets if he were elected president.

The Democratic presidential nominee, however, might hurt securities markets by imposing a tax on transactions and damage futures markets by shifting federal regulatory responsibilities, she said.

### Record

"The vice-president has a very long record of experience in regulatory issues and in the financial market area, and he understands that if you impose regulations whose costs exceed the benefits, that will be bad for markets," Gramm said.

In another sign of weakness, the Commerce Department reported today that sales of new single-family homes fell a surprisingly steep 7.8 per cent in September to an annual rate of 659,000 units.

### Decline

The decline followed a 2.1 per cent increase in July.

Retail sales and industrial production have also weakened recently because of higher interest rates.

Economists have welcomed the signs of slower growth because it should reduce inflationary pressure.

Because inventories of unsold goods under control and the Federal Reserve is unlikely to tighten credit dramatically, they see little danger of the slowdown developing into a recession.

Job figures due for release on Friday are expected to show continued strength in the labour market, economists said.

It will be the last major economic report before yesterday's presidential election.

Productivity among non-farm businesses responsible for three-fourths of the nation's economic activity rose at an annual rate of 1.3 per cent from July through September, the Labour Department said, with a 2.8 per cent increase in output and only a 1.5 per cent rise in hours worked to achieve it.

## High tourism receipts help offset Tunisian trade deficit

TUNIS, Nov 4. (Reuters): Tunisia's income from tourism doubled to 800 million dinars (\$890 million) in the first nine months of 1988, helping to offset a trade deficit widened by high food imports and low oil prices, a minister said.

Industry and Trade Minister Moncef Belaid, in an interview published today, said the trade deficit in the first nine months was \$26 million dinars (920 million), against \$43 million dinars (\$600 million) in the same period of 1987.

Belaid gave no figures but said they expect three million tourists in 1988, compared with 1.875 million in 1987.

The figures for Libyans will jump from 3,000 last year to about one million in 1988, they say.

"The trade figures are really not bad. They are not outstanding either because we expected to achieve a better rate of coverage. The figures would have been better if the harvest had been as good as those of 1987," the minister added.

Belaid said some members of OPEC had "undermined its solidarity with a view to the interests of world arrogance and prevented true co-operation and harmony among members."

### Iran blames big powers for weak oil market

NICOSIA, Nov 4. (Reuters): Iranian President Ali Khamenei blamed the superpowers today for instability on the world oil markets, Tehran Radio reported.

"The current condition of the oil market is not normal," the radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted him as telling Oman Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shafar in Tehran.

"It is because of machinations and plots by world arrogance (the superpowers) that the oil market has become so critical and unstable," he added.

Khamenei said that some members of OPEC had "undermined its solidarity with a view to the interests of world arrogance and prevented true co-operation and harmony among members."

### Prices

Tehran has in the past criticised Iraq and Gulf Arab states for depressing prices by pumping too much oil.

Oil is now selling at about \$7 a barrel below the \$18 target price set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

## Invitation to bid

### China National Technical Import and Export Corporation

#### Bid No: CNTICKT-8814001

In accordance with the loan agreement concluded between the People's Republic of China and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for the construction of Jinzhou Harbour, the China National Technical Import and Export Corporation (hereinafter referred to as CNTIC) is authorised to purchase equipment and materials etc. (Details are as per attached list) for the above mentioned project by way of international competitive bid. The payment for all purchases shall be made under the loan.

We hereby invite experienced, well reputed manufacturers and/or trading companies to participate in the bid.

Manufacturers and/or trading companies in foreign countries interested in the project are kindly requested to buy qualification and bidding documents between 9:00 to 11:00 am on working days from Nov. 9, 1988 from Negotiation Building, Xijiao, Er-Li Gou, Beijing, China; from the fourth business division of first head division of CNTIC.

**Address:** Er-Li Gou, Xijiao, Beijing, China.

**Telex:** 22244 CNTIC CN

**Telephone:** 8317733 ext. 1470/1471/1472

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

Geneva—The Kingdom of Belgium is issuing 100 mln Swiss francs in 10-year, 4-3/4 pct notes priced at 100-3/4 pct, lead manager Shearson Lehman Hutton Finance SA said. (RTVX 1042)

Geneva—The National Bank of Hungary is issuing a 75 mln Swiss franc, six-year, 5-1/2 pct bullet bond priced at par, lead manager S.G. Warburg Soditic SA said. (RTVU 1005)

Amsterdam—The Dutch Finance Ministry has blocked the growth of a market in a new type of low coupon guider bonds with warrants by issuing a statement on the fiscal treatment of the paper. (RTYI 1535)

Tokyo—The Japanese Finance Ministry plans to increase sharply the number of eligible issuers of corporate bonds in the domestic market by easing issue standards, a ministry official said. (RTVL 0854)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	12-11-7/8	12-11-15/16	12-3/16 1/16
FFT	4.75/80	4.70/80	4.85/95
PAR	7-11/16 13/16	7-3/4 7/8	7-7/8 8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-1/8
BXR	6.15	7-3/16 3/16	7-3/16 1/4
ROM	10-1/4 10-3/4	11-3/8 11-7/8	11-1/2 12
ANS	5.50/62	5.25/35	5.25/35
TOK	3.9375 4.0000	4.3125 3750	4.4375 5000
ECU	7.50 7.75	7.43 7.56	7.50 7.62

## Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.			
Period	Bid	Offered	
1 month	7-11/16	8-1/8	
3 months	7-1/16	7-9/16	
6 months	6-11/16	7-3/16	
1 year	6-11/16	7-3/16	

## BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	81	86	84	NICO	607.50	635	650	
ACC	332	-	GFC	59	59	58.25	MUKAND	111	113	115	
ASIA PAINT	210 221.25	215	GFC	80	82.50	81	NOCIL	865	885	910	
BAJAJ AUTO	372.50 391.25	382.50	KIND LEVER	150	151.25	148.75	OKRAY	40	42.50	39.50	
BARAYON	290	295	KINDALCO	83	82	83	PEICO	30.50	31	33	
BOM.DYING	130	132	HINDCOCO	106.75	113.75	111.25	PRAUTO	52.50	54	55.50	
BR. BOND	110	111	HINDMOTOR	29.75	30.50	31.50	RAYMOND	63	63	64	
BSE INDEX	683.78	670.75	IND ORG	41.50	43.50	43	RELIANCE	163	179	177	
CENTURYSPG	1405	1440	1450	INDRAYAN	76	79	80.50	SIEMENS	100	106	110
COLGATE	308.75	330	327.50	INDROL	277.50	282.50	270	SPIC	51	53.50	53
DEEPAKERT	43.75	45	45.50	ITC	50	51	53	STOMILLS	325	320	330
ET.HOTEL	52.50	51	56	JISWATH	82	85	85	TATA PWR	345	345	340
ESKADEV	145	153.75	147.50	L AHM T	127	132	130	TATACHEA	101	106	104
ESSAR	25	25.50	28.50	MAHINDRA	110	120	119.50	TELECO	717.50	740	755
GAR. POLY	96.25	102.50	105	MASTERSHR	16.75	18.50	18	TISCO	1000	1042.5	1047.5
GE.SHIP	42	43	43	NATHER PL	76.25	72.50	75	VOLTAS	430	445	450

## FRANKFURT

## TELETYPE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1300	1280	NITSUB EL	910	940	NITSUB EST	2680	2610
AEG	194.5	190.8	AJINOMOTO	2540	2580	2580	NITSUB HVY	1030	1020	NITSUB HVY	1030	1020
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UK stocks above lows

# Dollar jumps on US jobs data

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuter): The dollar jumped more than one penny and half a yen to the day's highs today immediately after news of an improvement in US employment figures during October.

Just prior to release of the job statistics in Washington, the dollar had been languishing near the day's lows on currency markets which have been jittery in the run-up to next Tuesday's US presidential election.

The dollar touched 1.7910 West German marks and 124.90 Japanese yen compared with 1.7762 and 124.25.

London dealers said the statistics, the last major economic report before election night, indicated stronger-than-expected US economic growth during the month.

**Growth**

The jobless rate was 5.3 per cent in October and non-farm jobs grew by 323,000 compared with 5.4 per cent and 255,000 in September.

Dealers said currency markets would probably now settle down to await the outcome of the US election.

"We all know what we are really looking at and it's not the

employment numbers," said Tony Jelford, a dealer at First Chicago in London prior to the release of Friday's numbers.

The dollar has been supported throughout the week by persistent purchases of the US currency by the central banks of Japan and the United States.

Emperor Hirohito's illness buoyed gold because Japan might issue a commemorative gold coin if he dies.

Hong Kong shares ended

barely changed. Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index ended down 2.7 at 1,569.1 points.

The gold sector was disappointed that the rally in bullion prices seemed to have peaked.

A decline in West German unemployment helped Frankfurt stocks to a firm close ahead of the US statistics. French shares also firms.

In London shares steadied above the day's lows in late trading, reflecting Wall Street's performance after news of a forecast rise in October non-farm payrolls.

At 1608 GMT the FTSE index was 4.9 points down at 1,832.9, having touched a low for the day of 1,829.2.

Trading centred on stocks linked to the activity of Bond Corp, principally the company's sale of its 14.9 per cent Standard Chartered stake at 475p per share.

Dealers said the market reflects expectations of a Republican victory in next week's US presidential election but the dollar's vulnerability to losses provides a bearish tone.

One dealer said "there's concern about the dollar's likely weakness after the US elections, even assuming George Bush wins. The political pressure to maintain US interest rates at current levels will be removed, so the dollar will be facing an important test on Wednesday."

Dealers said speculation on whether Bond Corp will increase its 20 per cent stake in Lourho and possibly launch a bid for the company increased after news of the sale of Bond's 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered, raising around £10 million.

Lourho was 16p higher at 411, maintaining its early strength on a turnover of 14.9 million shares.

Bid

Dealers said a bid for Lourho by Bond would be difficult given the strength of chairman Roland 'Tiny' Rowland's personal stake and those of loyal shareholders, thought to total 35 per cent of the company's equity.

The Standard Chartered stake

sale followed news yesterday of Bond's realisation of its MG Holding, which dealers said would have raised around £34 million.

Recent speculation also held that Bond may be interested in making a bid for hotel and drinks group Allied-Lyons, in which it has an 11 per cent stake, and may use its Lourho holding to force the company's hand in a combined assault on Allied.

Unchanged

Allied-Lyons was unchanged at 467 after an earlier 4p rise.

Maxwell Communication was 11p higher at 206 on a turnover of 10.2 million shares after announcing it planned to sell its British commercial printing businesses and was considering the disposal of its British newspaper printing business, European printing plants and a property portfolio.

Maxwell said the management of the UK commercial printing interests has shown strong interest in submitting a buyout offer. Maxwell yesterday won its \$90.25 per share bid for US publisher Macmillan after rival Kohlberg Kravis Roberts withdrew its \$90.05 per share offer for the company.



A Tokyo money broker ponders while grasping telephones as the dollar fluctuated narrowly yesterday ahead of the release of US employment data. The dollar ended little changed against New York's Thursday's close but easier against the opening in Tokyo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Crystall gets a commercial registration certificate

## GIC plays a major role

GULF Investment Corporation declared that one of its major joint venture projects, the National Titanium Dioxide Company Ltd. (Crystall) has been granted a commercial registration certificate by the Ministry of Commerce in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Gulf Investment Corporation has played a major role in the creation of (Crystall), taken 24 per cent of equity, and also undertaken an advisory assignment to raise US \$40 million (about SR 150 million) of commercial loans for this project.

In addition, to the SR120 million paid-in capital Crystall project obtained a SR242 million loan from Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) which represents 50 per cent of

the estimated project total investment.

The principle partners in the project in addition to GIC are: the USA Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and the Saudi's Shairouh for Trading and Contracting with 25 per cent each.

Crystall plant located at the centre of the fastest growing market in the world is designed and based on the most recent technology using Kerr-McGee's chloride process.

Titanium dioxide is in very tight supply worldwide, basically, due to environmental restriction and difficulties faced by plants using the old sulfur technology.

GIC participation in Crystall emerged from its conviction of the important role that the corporation is established to achieve and promote the industrialisation of the GCC region.

## US jobless rate drops to 5.3pc

WASHINGTON,

Nov 4. (Reuter): The US unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a point in October to 5.3 per cent, matching the 14-year low set in June, the government said today.

In the last major economic report before the Nov 8 presidential election, the Labour Department said non-farm businesses stepped up the pace of hiring in October, taking on 323,000 new workers compared with 304,000 in September. The September total was 49,000 more than estimated a month ago.

The figures were much stronger than expected and cast doubt on other statistics recently that had indicated the US economy was slowing down considerably from its brisk 3.2 per cent growth rate in the first half of the year.

Pure forecasters had expected an unchanged unemployment rate and about 230,000 new non-farm jobs.

The employment report is carefully examined by Wall Street and administration economists alike because it provides the first statistical glimpse each month of how the economy is performing.

**Analysts**

The job figures usually give analysts a good idea of how other important statistics will turn out.

But the strength seen in September, when the jobless rate

dropped two-tenths of a point, belied sluggishness in subsequent reports on industrial production and retail sales. There was also a marked drop in new factory orders.

The strong jobs report spelled a final bit of good economic news for Republican presidential candidate George Bush, who is trying to maintain his lead in the polls over Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis.

An important aspect of the report was an increase of 99,000 in the number of manufacturing jobs after two months of declines that had raised questions as to whether the US export boom was running out of steam.

Growth in service employment slowed, by contrast, with 231,000 jobs created after 301,000 in September.

**Survey**

The Labour Department's household survey showed that 62.4 per cent of the civilian population had a job in October, matching September's record high.

The labour force grew by 88,000 people to 122.01 million, while the ranks of the unemployed shrank by 105,000 to 6.49 million.

A separate measure of unemployment, which embraces the military as well as civilian workers, fell to 5.2 per cent in October

from 5.3 the month before, the government said.

Not only were more people at work last month, but they worked longer hours and earned more, auguring gains in personal income and spending, according to economists.

The average workweek increased to 34.8 hours from 34.7, and average hourly earnings rose by 0.7 per cent to \$9.45, the Labour Department said.

Although the number of hours worked per week in manufacturing industry slipped to 41.4 from 41.2, factory overtime lengthened to 4.0 hours from 3.9.

**Sluggishness**

Economists said the report pointed to continued sluggishness in the construction industry, which shed 5,000 workers last month. Employment in mining shrank by 2,000.

The number of workers in the retail trade increased 49,000, and the services category, which includes health care and business services, jumped by 145,000.

Financial market dealers reacted to the strong figures by bidding up the dollar and selling bonds as the prospects for lower interest rates, already considered faint by most economists, faded further in the belief the Federal Reserve would have to keep a tight grip on credit to contain inflation.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

**FRANKFURT:** Shares closed slightly higher in moderate trading. But they finished off the day's highs following profit-taking and position-clearing before the weekend and the US election. The Dax index rose 4.44 to 1,285.02.

**BOMBAY:** Prices rose sharply on the last trading day of the exchange's accounting year on speculative and investor demand. Trading resumes next Wednesday.

**SINGAPORE:** Prices closed mixed after selective buying and bargain-hunting alternated with light profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 1.69 to 1,028.48.

**ZURICH:** Shares closed steady on light volume, with most investors sidelined before the US election. The Swiss index rose 0.2 to 939.6.

**NEW YORK:** After news of the jobs surge blue chips by mid-morning had regained much of their initial losses. The Dow was down six at 2,164.

**PARIS:** Prices were quietly firm at mid-session, with steady buying of blue chips reflecting investor confidence following a higher growth forecast for the economy.

**LONDON:** Shares steadied above the day's lows in late trading, reflecting Wall Street's performance after news of a larger than forecast rise in October non-farm payrolls. At 1608 GMT the FTSE index was down 4.9 at 1,832.9.

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John J. Cox

By Richard Rayner

JOSEPH HELLER was a late starter. He did not publish until he was 38 years old, but when he did it was an instant classic which donated a phrase to common usage.

The book's title *Catch-22*, was also the phrase in question and it pointed to an absurdity central to the proper operation of bureaucracies. If you win then you lose, says *Catch-22*, but if you lose then you don't win. "They say *Catch-22* even in the Kremlin," says Heller. "Both in English and Russian, I touched a nerve."

Heller is 65 now. He is white-haired and still somewhat frail as the result of a calamitous nervous disease — Guillain-Barré syndrome — which all but killed him in 1982. When cajoled into laughter (it isn't difficult), he bears a resemblance (God help him) to Derek Jameson. He has written four novels since *Catch-22* and at least one, *Something Happened* — a devastating story of unlocated fear — which beats its hands down for style and emotional punch.

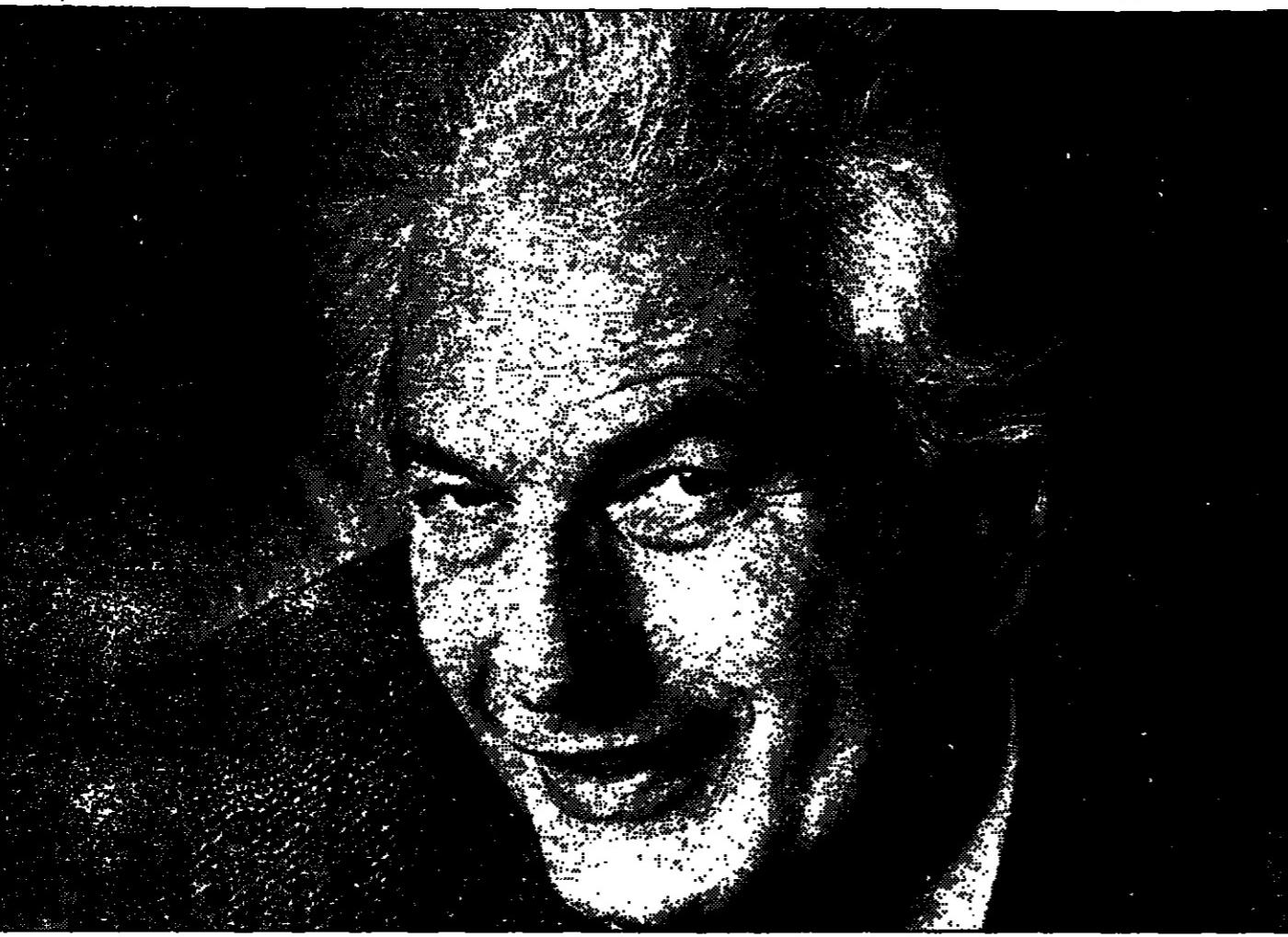
But he will always be tagged as the man who wrote that book, his critical reputation stalled back in the 1960s. The same has happened to Philip Roth. Like Heller's, his new novels tend to be created as new cars rolling off a production line. They're all very well, it is said, but they lack somehow the zip and zing of that great early novel, the *Portnoy*. It's more than a little unfair.

## Amazed

Heller says: "I re-read *Catch-22* a few months ago. I was amazed by its energy and imagination. I worked hard on that book. Of course, I'm prey to the usual vanities. With each book I want both to outstay Judith Krantz on the best-seller lists and gain such acclaim that the Nobel committee has simply no option. And with each book I do try to do something very different."

*Picture This* is certainly different. Heller, who is always careful with his openings, begins this one at the leisurely pace of a history lesson: Aristotle, contemplating the bust of Homer, thought often of Socrates; while Rembrandt dressed him with pain in a white Renaissance surplice and medieval black robe and encased him in shadows."

## The author of *Catch-22* talks about his latest novel Joseph Heller: flying high again



Joseph Heller: wants to outstay Judith Krantz on the best-seller lists

It begins like a history lesson for the reason that it is a history lesson. Written from the contemporary standpoint, but swinging to and fro in time between 17th-century Holland and Athens in the 5th century BC.

*Picture This* uses the device of bringing Aristotle to life while Rembrandt paints his picture, to retell the life stories of Socrates, Plato, Pericles and Alcibiades, as well as those of Aristotle and Rembrandt themselves.

Heller says: "I wanted to write a novel with no conflict, no romance, no adventure, no storyline at all in the conventional sense. Critics have been saying, therefore, that it isn't a novel. They often say that

Heller does a lot in this book. He notes that at the time when Athens was bequeathing democracy, the classical drama

Notes

Heller does a lot in this book.

about my novels. It's because they have fixed rules about what a novel should and shouldn't be. I don't go along with that."

*Picture This* is a novel, then it is a novel whose main theme is history and whose main characters are didactic points. Namely, that power and intellect are incompatible, that politicians wage disastrous wars for no good reason, that genius tends to be given a hard time, and that humanity learns nothing from its mistakes.

Notes

Heller does all this in *Picture*

Heller does all this in *Picture*

and the roots of philosophy to the West, its own politics were quite spectacularly whimsical, venal and vicious. He equates Athenian powerbroking with that of contemporary America. "That democracy should wish to deny others the natural rights claimed for itself is not unusual," he says.

He works in large sections of

Thucydides, Aristotle and Plato, and, on occasions, another sort of philosophy, the downhome variety preferred by kafan-wearers and Kurt Vonnegut: "To know you do not know is to know a great deal. Wisdom consists in knowing there is no such thing." Ouch.

*Picture This* is published by Macmillan at \$12.95.

This and gets away with it most of the time, for the simple reason that he is funny. His most endearing quality as a writer is that he refuses to take institutions seriously; or rather, that he takes them so seriously they become hilarious. He is relentlessly sardonic at the expense of those in power.

He says: "You think that's not justified? You think anything ever changes? Look at Bush and Dukakis. It really won't make much difference which one is elected. America is ruled by business and its politics are controlled by image-makers and no one bothers to hide it."

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## Heritage

Under the rule of the Pahlavi Shahs, this heritage was being broken in favour of quite other values, supposedly Western and "modern". Unavoidably the young Shusha received the new type of education, learning the tango and the waltz and how to appreciate classical Western music, how to swoon for Hollywood stars, never imagining wearing the veil that turns Persian women into what is called "malignant crows".

Perhaps it was Ayatollah Khomeini's intention to restore what the previous Shahs had reformed out of all recognition. In the event, he did nothing of the kind, but in the name of Shia Islam has created his own variety of ruin and tyranny.

Dispossessed and persecuted, Guppy and her relations and friends are now in exile, obliged to make what they can of the West. Wonderfully free from bitterness, Guppy is grateful for what she remembers, as well as for what she has since learnt.

*The Blindfold Horse* by Shusha Guppy (Heinemann, £10.95)

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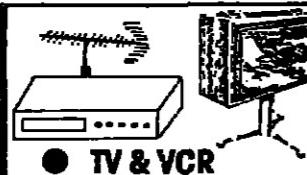


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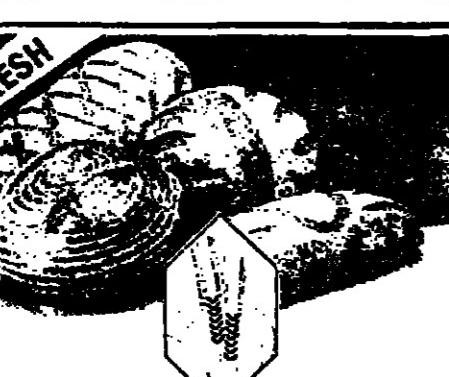
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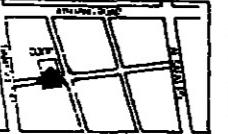


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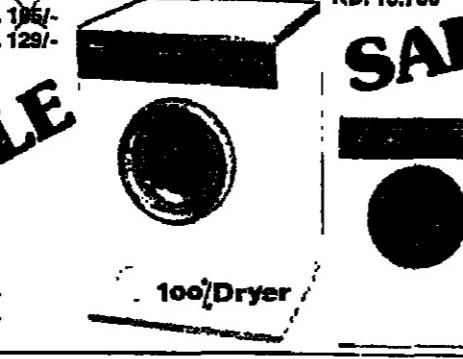
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## SPORTS

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Imran ready  
to play in  
Australia and  
New Zealand

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuter): Imran Khan said yesterday he was ready to play for Pakistan in next month's one-day World Series tournament in Australia and the tour of New Zealand which follows it.

He had previously been unwilling to make himself available for the World Series beginning on December 10, expressing disappointment that Pakistan had not been invited to play a full Test series in Australia.

Writing in the London Daily Telegraph, Imran, a former captain of his country, said he had informed the Pakistan Cricket Board he was prepared to play in Australia and New Zealand under current skipper Javed Miandad.

"One reason I have decided to tour has been because of the Test series in New Zealand," he said.

"I also realise the need to play competitive cricket, of any sort, to keep myself tuned for the series which promises to be exciting," he added.

Imran announced his retirement from international cricket after last year's World Cup competition, but was persuaded to play in the subsequent Test series in the West Indies.

He missed the recent Australian visit to Pakistan, unhappy that it was played prior to the season's normal starting date.

"I felt that the extreme heat and humidity were unfair on the players and even more so on our crowds," he said.

Imran described the series, won 1-0 by Pakistan, as a disaster. "The three Tests were played in front of empty stands and Pakistan made a financial loss," he added.

### Bulgaria draw in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Nov 4, (Reuter): Bulgarian defender Trifon Ivanov was sent off and four other players cautioned as Denmark and Bulgaria fought out a tough 1-1 draw in their World Cup qualifying clash on Wednesday.

Ivanov, shown the yellow card for a earlier offence, was dismissed six minutes from time for his second cautionable act, as the Bulgarians succeeded in frustrating Denmark's spirited bid for victory in their European Group One tie.

The Danes, a reshaped team following their disappointing performance at the European Championship finals in West Germany last June, had much the best of the opening period and might have won with better luck in front of goal.

### Norway cruise past Cyprus

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Nov 4, (Reuter): Norway overwhelmed Cyprus in the second half, scoring three times, to win their World Cup European Group Five qualifying tie on Wednesday.

After surviving a testing first half in which goalkeeper Eric Thorstvedt pulled off several excellent saves, Norway struck with chilling efficiency on the rain-soaked pitch to leave Cyprus rooted to the bottom of the section.

# Indians capture Asia Cup

DHAKA, Nov 4, (Agencies): Half centuries from Navjot Sidhu and captain Dilip Vengsarkar comfortably steered India to a six wicket victory over hosts Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup cricket final today.

Sri Lanka made 176 all out in 43.2 overs after four of their top batsmen were run out. India reached 180 for four in 37.4 overs.

Sidhu hammered three huge sixes and four fours in his personal contribution of 76 and won the Man of the Match award.

Joined by Vengsarkar, the third wicket partnership put on 86 to leave the Indians in sight of victory.

#### Unbeaten

On 155, offspinner Gunawardene bowled Sidhu and then Mohammed Azharuddin was out from the first ball he received from Gunawardene.

But Vengsarkar with an unbeaten 50 and Kapil Dev (12 not out) saw India home.

Earlier, Roshan Mahanama and Brendon Kuruppu gave the Sri Lankans a good start with an opening partnership of 53 runs. But then the collapse started.

Duleep Mendis played a defiant innings of 36, but the runs cost Sri Lanka dearly and a three for 12 burst by Srikkanth was the final straw.



Sidhu: Man of the Match

An estimated 70,000 spectators gave a standing ovation to the Indians as Vengsarkar received the cup from President Hussain Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh.

"We played well and naturally deserved the victory," Indian team manager Manmohan Sood said.

"We are very disappointed," said Sri Lankan manager M.H.

holders Luton, who won 2-0 at Second Division Leeds.

Former Manchester United striker Tony Gibson scored both Wimbledon goals in his team's win after England captain Bryan Robson opened the scoring.

Nottingham Forest owned their victory to Nigel Clough who hit his winner after Colin Foster and Steve Hodge had equalised after strikes by Coventry's Gary Bannister and Brian Kilcline.

Luton, badly depleted by injuries, hit Leeds on the counter-attack with goals from Northern Ireland international midfielder Danny Wilson and striker David Oldfield.

But Newell, with his sixth goal of the season, and Reid, with a brave second goal eight minutes from time, ended their hopes of a sixth consecutive win.

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**Record**

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### Leicester trounce Norwich

equalising for the Londoners after England winger John Barnes had shot Liverpool ahead with a dazzling solo goal.

Former England forward Trevor Francis scored twice for Queen's Park Rangers as they beat Charlton 2-1. Paul Williams put Charlton ahead, but they lost their way and their unbeaten eight-match run when captain Peter Shilton was sent off.

In another all-First Division clash, Aston Villa's Scottish striker Alan McInally struck twice as they beat Millwall 3-1.

**Results**

English Football League Cup third round		
Aston Villa	3	Millwall
Bradford	1	Scunthorpe
Luton	0	Luton
Leicester	2	Norwich
Liverpool	1	Arsenal
Manchester City	4	Millwall U
Notts Forest	3	Coventry
QPR	2	Charlton
Scarborough	2	Southampton
Wimbledon	2	Manchester U
English Division Two		
Oxford	2	Sunderland
Second Division		
Aston Villa	2	Scottish
Derby	2	Colfe
Dundee	5	Hamilton
Hibernian	1	Dundee U

### Platini promises return to French style of play

PARIS, Nov 4, (Reuter): Michel Platini, taking over the reins of the crisis-hit French national team, promised yesterday a return to the style of play which brought France soccer glory for the best part of a decade.

Platini, 33, replaced Henri Michel on Tuesday, 10 days after a disastrous 1-1 draw with Cyprus put in jeopardy French chances of reaching the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

**Charge**

"I will try to find again the style of the French team you saw for 10 years, a Platini style," he said at his first news conference since taking charge.

Platini, three times in a row European Footballer of the Year, was playmaker and chief scorer of the glorious team which

won the 1984 European Championship and reached the semifinals of the 1982 and 1986 World Cups.

But the former Saint-Etienne and Juventus star, who retired from active soccer 18 months ago, was more defensive about his future plans than he ever was on a football pitch.

He said there would be a few surprises in the team he would name next week to face Yugoslavia in Belgrade on Nov 19, a vital World Cup qualifier, but gave no names or hints.

"I will choose players for their own style and not based on the opposition," he said. "I want a compact, solid team. I don't want a sweeper playing 30 metres behind the rest. I want a defence and midfield who push the ball forwards."

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But Turkey then began to break quickly out of defence and soon reduced the arrears, Feyyaz and Colak finding the net after 61 and 81 minutes respectively.

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**Austria survive Turkish assault**

VIENNA, Nov 4, (Reuter): Confident Austria survived a surprise second half fightback by Turkey to win their World Cup European Group Three qualifying clash 3-2 on Wednesday.

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**Danger**

Fashanu and Anderson had a stormy duel when the two clubs met exactly a year ago and the FA will want to know whether the respective managers were aware of the danger that this could have been carried over.

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**Fashanu punches Anderson**

A. Samarasinha run out	26
A. De Silva run out	18
A. Ranatunga run out	5
D. Mendis c Amarnath b Srikkanth	36
R. Retnakaran run out	7
U.S.H. Karasek c Pandit b Srikkanth	11
G. Lakrooy b Kapil	1
K. Guneswara not out	8
R. Muttiahminda b Srikkanth	2
Extras (b-8, w-7, nb-6)	18
Total (all out, 43.2 overs)	176
Fall of wickets: 1-53 2-57 3-97 4-105 5-113 6-130 7-164 8-165 9-166 10-176	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-0-30-1, Sanjeev Sharma 5-0-20-0, Amarnath 6-0-21-1, Maninder Singh 9-0-35-1, Arshad Ayub 9-0-24-0, Ajay Sharma 4-0-29-0, Srikkanth 3-2-0-12-3.	

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K. Srikkanth run out	23
N. Sidhu b Gunawardene	76
M. Amanullah c Karasek b Gunawardene	7
D. Venkatesh not out	50
M. Azharuddin c Karasek b Majarasinghe	0
Kapil Dev not out	12
Extras (b-1 w-2 nb-3)	12
Total (for four wickets, 37.4 overs)	180
Did not bat: Ajay Sharma, C. Pandit, Sanjeev Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Maninder Singh.	
Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-69 3-155 4-155	
Bowling: Ratnayake 9-1-59-0, Lakshman 5-0-30-0, Ranatunga 9-0-12-0, Muttiahminda 9-0-33-1 De Silva 4-0-28-0, Gunawardene 9-1-31-2, Mahanama 6-1-0-4-0.	
Result: India won by six wickets	

#### Scoreboard

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### Greenidge dominates S. Australian bowling

ADELAIDE, Nov 4, (Reuter): Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge made the highest score by a West Indian cricketer at the Adelaide Oval when he scored 158 not out against South Australia today.

His innings, surpassing the 151 by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon in 1984-85, lifted the touring side to 296 for three at the close of the first day of the four-day match.

Captain Viv Richards, in his first match since West Indies' tour of England two months ago, was the other wicket to fall, providing Sleep with a second victim after he had made 14.

West Indies lost their opening two tour matches, one-day and four-day games against Western Australia in Perth. The first Test was drawn in Brisbane two weeks.

**WEST INDIES first innings**

G. Greenidge not out ..... 158

